

THE GLAD TIDINGS



“And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God.” Luke 8:1.

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15.

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A New Year's Motto

*I asked the New Year for some motto sweet,
Some rule of life with which to guide my feet:
I asked and paused. He answered soft and low:
"God's will to know."*

*"Will knowledge, then, suffice, New Year?" I cried;
And ere the question into silence died
The answer came: "Nay, but remember, too,
God's will to do."*

*Once more I asked: "Is there no more to tell?"
And once again the answer softly fell:
"Yes; this one thing, all other things above,
God's will to love"*

—Anonymous.



With outstretched hand and eager heart, I shall meet the New Year like a messenger of God come to bring me good news. I shall not be afraid as if he were come to spy upon my actions; I shall not question him as if I doubted his veracity; I shall not distrust him as if he bore a poisoned chalice, for then were he to me no messenger of God. The years have all been good, but this year shall be the best of all because the very latest work from Him who loves me.

—George L. Perin.



Editorial

THIS is the beginning of months, and God gives me a fresh start. He says: "Behind you the road has many places where you have failed. Your memories are not sweet as I meant them to be. But, behold, I make all things new. For the dear sake of Christ, I blot out the mournful errors of your past. To-day I anoint you with the grace of the Holy Ghost. I send you to the untried experiences in front, pardoned, hallowed, armed in the panoply of heaven."

Since He crowns me so with His kindness, let me return the response He craves. New reverence of His sanctity, new gratitude for His tenderness, new trust in His supply: these be the feelings of my soul. New delight in prayer, new earnestness in studying the Word, new waiting for the unction of the Spirit; these be my exercise when I am with my Father. New brightness in my look, new certainty in my testimony, a new beauty of the Lord about my conduct: these be the lineaments of my life.—From *In the Hour of Silence*.

AS we begin another year with its unknown future, we do so with hearts full of gratitude to and confidence in the women of our Church who have made possible what has been accomplished in our Society. To many of our members the last months have been ones of real struggle. To the general business depression have been added crop failures in many parts of the western provinces. That this must react on the resources of the Society we are certain. Already it is being felt in the Hospitals and School Homes of the Women's Missionary Society. Some of our brightest young people have not been able to continue their studies on account of money stringency. Collections of fees are difficult in the hospitals. A difficult situation faces us, but we go forward in confidence. We pay a tribute here to our women who so valiantly are striving to keep faith with our missionaries at home and abroad and prevent the mission work from suffering. To those brave women who have found themselves overtaken by the tragedy of circumstances we tender our deepest sympathy and would express the hope that our women more favorably situated would show their sympathy by increasing their givings.

THE sympathy of every member of the Women's Missionary Society will go out in full measure to our Editor in the death of her father, Mr. Peter Macdonald Fraser, who passed away at his home, on December 10th, 1930. Mr. Fraser died full of years at the age of ninety, and for him there can be no murmur that he has ended his pilgrimage and entered into the joy of his Lord. To our Editor the last months have been full of anxiety and her heart was often torn between two duties, her home and the office. Her father was ever her adviser and inspirer in her work, and what the separation will mean to her only those closely associated with her know. To Miss Fraser and the other members of her family we offer our heartfelt sympathy. The Women's Missionary Society has indeed lost a true friend.—*H.M.S.*

THE vacancy on the Council Executive caused by the resignation of Mrs. C. S. McDonald, has been filled by the appointment of Mrs. George H. Sedgewick.

AFTER last Council meeting there were three vacant Secretaryships caused by the resignation of Mrs. C. S. McDonald as Lantern Slide Secretary, Mrs. W. G. Hanna as Orientals in Canada Secretary, and Miss A. H. Gowans as Secretary for Manchuria and South China. The last two consented to remain at their posts until some one was found to take the position. This has now been done. We are glad to report the appointment of Miss J. Florence Lang as Lantern Slide Secretary, Mrs. George H. Sedgewick as Orientals in Canada Secretary, and Miss Margaret M. Reid as Secretary for Manchuria and South China. Miss Reid, in the meantime, will continue as Recording Secretary, with clerical assistance. Mrs. W. R. Adamson has been appointed Assistant Mission Band Secretary. At the request of the Board of Administration two of our members, Mrs. W. R. Adamson and Miss J. Florence Lang, have been appointed to represent the Women's Missionary Society on the Committee in charge of the "Mary Morgan Home" in Markham.

MRS. R. C. DONALD, Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society, requests that in the meantime her mail should be addressed to the office, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto, instead of to her home, 86 Admiral Road, Toronto.

MISS ESTHER FONG DICKMAN, B.A., a valuable worker under the W.M.S. in the Chinese mission in Vancouver for the past three years, has resigned to spend a year training in the Los Angeles Bible Institute, in Bible study and girls' leadership. Speaking of her withdrawal Miss Dickman says, "I hope I may carry with me the good will and love and interest of the W.M.S. and the Chinese mothers and their dear little children whom I love. In whatever field of work I may be placed I will never forget the Presbyterian W.M.S. I shall always be a missionary at heart." It is our hope that when Miss Dickman completes her training she will return to our Chinese work in Canada, where she has been such a success.

IT is with regret that we report that Miss Gladys Timney, who sailed for her chosen field in Gwalior, India, in October, was unable to proceed from Liverpool and had to return home to Canada. This was due to a nerve condition which, in some people, is developed by ocean travel. On consulting a doctor in Liverpool, he strongly advised against her proceeding and termed her condition gross neurasthenia. Miss Timney is now at home though unable to see friends. Words cannot sufficiently express the keen disappointment of Council Executive at the circumstances which deprived the Society of this promising young missionary. But our real sympathy goes out to Miss Timney herself in

the blighting of her life. May God in His good time open up a new avenue of service for her.

IT seems appropriate as Formosa is the feature this month to note the appointment of Miss Hildur K. Hermanson as nurse in "Mackay Memorial" Hospital, Formosa. Miss Hermanson has been on the staff of the "Hugh Waddell Memorial" Hospital, Canora, Sask. She has now come to Toronto and entered the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home where she will remain till the close of the spring term. It is hoped she will then go to England to take a course in midwifery and then proceed to Formosa in the fall. This latter course is to be taken at the request of the Formosan Council. As the Japanese Government now grants a diploma in midwifery to the graduates of our hospital, it is felt necessary to have a second nurse with this training. Miss Senior is now the only one with such qualifications.

MISS DOROTHY C. DOUGLAS, of Tamsui, Formosa, has very successfully passed her second year language examination. Through all her two years' work she has been helping in the teaching of English. She will now take on other work as well.

WE are not sending any delegates to the 1931 meeting of the Council of Women for Home Missions, but hope to be represented by Mrs. D. Strachan and Mrs. A. R. McMurrich at the Federation of Foreign Mission Boards of North America, which meets in Bronxville, N.Y., January 10th to 13th, 1931, and the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, in Atlantic City, January 13th to 16th. It is expected that Miss Laura Pelton will also accompany the delegates.

THE Council Executive hereby gives notice of motion for certain changes in the Council by-laws which are made necessary by proposed changes in the Constitution, notice of motion for such changes having been given at the Enlarged Meeting of the Council Executive in May, 1930. See Annual Report, page 11.

HINTS FOR HOME HELPERS

Invite the Home Helper Secretary to speak once a year in each Auxiliary.

Recognize Home Helpers in a social gathering once a year.

Enlist their prayers. One Home Helper is a bed-ridden invalid whose *only* contribution was a prayer. Who can estimate the wealth of that prayer? Remember the invalided ones on their birthday with a card.



It is proposed during the coming months to feature each month, one of our overseas fields. This month we begin with North Formosa, our largest field. In the above map our chief stations, Tamsui and Taihoku, near Keelung harbor, are plainly marked as well as many other centres in the northern part of the Island, where our missionaries are situated.

Tamsui Girls' School

MISS MABEL G. CLAZIE

EDUCATION of women and girls in North Formosa was first undertaken by the Canadian Presbyterian Mission when Dr. G. L. Mackay built and opened a school in Tamsui, in the year 1884. From that date until 1907, the school was carried on mostly by Formosan women, under the superintendence of Dr. and Mrs. Mackay, and after his death with Mrs. Gauld's help. Some of the students were young, unmarried girls, while some were married women, many of the latter the wives of students studying in the Theological College.

In 1907, a new school was instituted by the W.M.S. in the same building, with Miss Kinney as principal, and Miss Connell in charge of the music. To these two earnest and efficient workers, who continued to carry on the work, until their resignations in 1928, is due the credit not only for the progress of the school, but also for much work begun among women and girls outside the school as well.

The name "Tamsui Girls' School" was continued, but it was confined entirely to girls of twelve and upward, but unmarried. The enrollment for the first year was 24, all from Christian homes, and the majority never having been in public school. The number of pupils has increased year by year, and during the years, the course of study has been changed to suit changing needs. The school now has a four year High School course, and in addition a preparatory course of one year for students who fail to grade in the entrance examination. Applicants for entrance must have completed their course in the public school. This year there are 84 students, 74 of whom are in the High School department.

The hours of study are from eight o'clock in the morning until three-fifteen in the afternoon for five days in the week, and from eight to ten o'clock on Saturday mornings. In addition to the regular subjects, including Bible, music is an optional but very popular course, and for it an extra fee is charged. The girls have plenty to keep them busy out of class hours, as bedrooms and classrooms are kept in order by the students who use them every day, with an extra clean-up every Saturday. Then, too, extra work is done by a few girls who need help in this way to pay their fees.

From the beginning the school was organized as a boarding school, and so it continues, but from 1923 it was opened to day pupils also, and at present 15 of the 84 are day pupils. Another change has been that whereas when first opened, only girls from Christian homes were accepted, now it is open to all, and many of the girls come from non-Christian homes. This gives an opportunity not only with the girls

themselves, but with the homes from which they come. Some girls who had not heard the Gospel before coming to the school, have become earnest Christians, and are making their influence felt in their homes, and among their friends. Some are allowed freedom to make their own choice in religious matters, some have had to suffer for their faith.

In the school, Bible is taught regularly, in addition to daily morning



Miss Gō, teacher in Tamsui Girls' School.

and evening worship, regular church and Sunday School on Sunday, Christian Endeavor, and weekly prayer-meeting. These activities, with personal work, and indirect Christian influences, all have their part in helping to build up in the Christian faith and character.

The physical side is not neglected, and sports have their place. At the end of October, one afternoon was given over to "Sports' Day", when friends of the school were invited. Races of various kinds, as well as drills and folk-dances were entered into very heartily, and at the close, small prizes of letter paper, envelopes and pencils were given.

Thursday, October 30th, was a "red letter day". It was "Education Day", observed throughout the schools in the Empire, and a national holiday, being the fortieth anniversary of the giving of the Imperial Rescript. Immediately after morning worship, we had the prescribed patriotic ceremony, and following this, we had the pleasure of recognizing in a special way, the work of one of our Formosan teachers, Miss Gō.

She came as a pupil when the school was opened in 1907, and has been in the school, as teacher, ever since her graduation in 1912, except for a couple of years, when she went to Tokyo for a special course of study. Her influence and work in the school cannot be measured. She has given herself unreservedly for the school, and the pupils all love and respect her, going to her for help and advice in all their difficulties. Her fellow-teachers and pupils alike were delighted that she should be given special recognition. The school motto "Love and Service" she has made her own, and lives it every day, so it seemed very fitting that on "Education Day" she should be presented with a nicely bound Bible as a token of appreciation of her life and work in the school. The round of applause which followed the presentation showed the esteem in which she is held.

After this, we were much favored in having a "health talk" from Doctor Gushue-Taylor, who emphasized the value of prevention rather than cure, and told us some of the ways in which we may help to keep strong bodies. The remainder of the day was holiday, and in the afternoon most of the girls with the teachers went for a play on the seashore, about half an hour's walk from the school.

But the day was not yet finished. In the evening (from 6.30 to 9 o'clock) there was an entertainment in the town hall, to which our girls had been asked to contribute a few numbers. It was being given by the schools and young people's associations of the town, also as a feature for Education Day. We are glad in this way to have the opportunity of having a share in the public life of the town, and doing what we can to gain more contacts with the people. The boys in our Middle School and College also had a part in the programme. Our senior girls sang one number in Japanese, and one in English, and a couple of them gave instrumental music, while a little drill was given by some of the smaller ones.

And so the days pass, each filled with its own duties, sometimes encouraging, sometimes disappointing, but in the consciousness that the Master is with us. The work is His, these girls are His, we are His, and we pray that His will may be done, in that all may be brought to Himself, and to Him be all the glory.

Tamsui Middle School

MRS. G. W. MACKAY

SOME thirty years ago, in one of our growing Ontario cities, a young Canadian musician trained in Germany, planned to establish a conservatory of music, and suggested to a young English friend, a violinist, that he come over to Canada and join in the enterprise. In extending the invitation, however, he was careful to explain the difficulties and discouragements lying ahead. The Canadian public were not accus-

tomed from childhood to sit through long programmes of classical music as were the German public, or even as were the people of the young Englishman's music-loving home city. The answer of the violinist was an enthusiastic acceptance of the work offered. "Why, man," he said, "it's Empire building!"

The work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in Formosa, is Kingdom of God "Empire Building." Every part of the missionary enterprise there is directed to one end—the building up of a vigorous, intelligent Native Church, manned by native leaders, and developing in self-support and self-propagation. We have the minimum of institutions, one Hospital, one Women's School, one Girls' High School, one Boys' High School (known as the Tamsui Middle School), and one Theological College. It often seems to me in mentally reviewing the Field, that the Boys' School is to the Formosan Church much as the heart is to the body. Knox College, Toronto, has scores of high schools from which to draw its students in theology. The Theological College in North Formosa has but one high school on which to so draw. From the Tamsui Middle School then, must be drawn the Christian leaders. Five of our graduates, having spent years in Japan at University, are now on the staff of the School, and apart from their school duties, each is making his own contribution to the Church and Society at large. With Mr. Mackay, they form the Editorial Board of the Church Paper. One is an enthusiast in Sunday School work, another wields a facile pen and contributes to the Daily Press, another has coached up year by year a rugby team of such mettle, that never has a Tamsui Middle School rugby team lost a single match, though often pitted against teams composed of men rather than boys. There are many demands on them all for help in Church services and evangelistic meetings. Thirty per cent of our graduates are in Christian service of some kind, on the preaching staff, teachers, or perhaps on the hospital staff.

Yesterday brought us Formosa mail, among which were two letters from Tamsui Middle School boys. One was from a lad in the First Year, one of the aborigines of the Ami tribe. He with a friend of the same tribe entered our School last April, unable to speak Chinese, but good students in Japanese. As Japanese is the language used in all regular classes, except Scripture, they can readily study with the Formosan boys, yet they are anxious to learn to speak Chinese, and to read the Chinese Romanized Bible. The writer of this letter, Adopu, spent most of his summer holidays in Tamsui studying Bible and Chinese, thus we became quite well acquainted with him. His is a kindly little letter inquiring after our health, asking for news of Canada, and assuring us that he daily commends us to the care of God.

The other letter was from a boy of the Fifth Year, from a Christian home, and an exceptionally good student. His letter was brief and written

for a definite purpose. After giving several items of School news he tells that he and another Fifth Year boy had been having an argument as to law. The other boy had maintained that were one able perfectly to keep the law of Moses one would be saved. The writer was of the opinion that even the perfect keeping of the law without faith in the Triune God, would not ensure salvation. He asks for a prompt reply on this point.

These two letters from two of the two hundred and fifty boys at present forming the student body of the T.M.S., bring one in touch with opposite poles of the constituency served by the School. For the first time, last April, have we had the privilege of opening our doors to any of these aborigines who have been so long inaccessible to the Gospel. Adopu and his friend have come to us in search of an education, but it is our hope and prayer that the Gospel may so grip them that, whatever their work in after years, they may be channels of blessing to their own tribe. Mrs. Koa, in September, in company with Chi-oang (whose picture appeared in July-August *Glad Tidings*) visited the home of Adopu and his father and relatives gave respectful and interested hearing to their interpreted talks. The father said, that when home for a few days in the holidays, Adopu had refused both wine and tobacco, and had asked a blessing on his food.

The writer of the other letter has had from birth the privilege of Christian training, but among our students comparatively few have been so blessed. Each spring about one hundred boys are admitted to the First Year and perhaps twenty of the group have had some Christian instruction before entering. So that by far the majority have their first presentation of the Gospel within the School walls.

By no means all who enter our School graduate five years later. The end of the Third Year sees quite an exodus, and for this there is a reason. The Tamsui Middle School has never sought to attain Government recognition, without which it is impossible for our students to enter anything higher in a Government school than Fourth Year Middle School. So that our students who have the desire and the ability to pay for Higher Education leave us at the end of the Third Year, entering a Government School in the fourth year, so losing no time. Thus our fourth and fifth years are never large, as the only Higher School opening its doors to our graduates is our own Theological College.

But let us not fall into the mistake of thinking that only those who stay five years and graduate have derived benefit from the School, and will be of help in building up the Church. Again and again it has been brought home to us that in the first year and often in the first term, boys from entirely non-Christian homes have in their own hearts made their choice to be on the Lord's side. One lad, who entered in the spring of 1929, dropped out after two terms—just a year ago. Enquiry being made as to

why he had left school, one of the other boys shook his head saying, "His father became alarmed and was afraid he would become a Christian. The more the boy entreated to come back, the firmer the father became."

It might surprise many in Canada who are acquainted with the usual reading matter of 'teen-age boys, to look over the books of our T.M.S. library, and learn what class of books are most eagerly read. Books on Christianity, the lives of the Reformers, as Luther or Knox, on the life of Christ or the teachings of Paul, even commentaries are eagerly read. Those of us who from earliest infancy have been familiar with the contents of the Bible, can hardly picture the hunger and unrest of eager young minds, ever questioning as to the origin and the end of things and finding no answer. One bright sixteen-year-old lad, asked in his second term what he thought of the Bible anyway, answered earnestly, "Before I came to this School I used to think, and think, and think till my head ached, wondering where man came from anyway! I used to get books from the library on the subject but did not enjoy them particularly. Now that I have the Bible, I am satisfied."

I would commend to the use of all readers who may feel led to uphold this piece of "Kingdom of God Empire Building" in prayer, the petition which some few friends of the School have been using for years, "That the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Written Word, the Bible, may have the place in the Tamsui Middle School that God Himself would have them to have."

Child Welfare in Formosa

MRS. HUGH MACMILLAN

THE Formosan mother is naturally a good mother. Being one of a large household, where there are always many young children, she is early trained in the art of motherhood. Scarcely has a young girl reached the age of five or six when she accepts the duties of nursemaid for her younger brother or sister. Not necessarily does this interfere with her playtime. With the baby securely strapped to her back, she joins her playmates, similarly burdened, in games of hopping and skipping. But never is the baby's comfort overlooked. These little mothers show the greatest devotion to their charges. It is pathetic sometimes to see the troubled face of a tot of five as she endeavors to soothe the wailing infant on her back. Hardly a child grows to womanhood without this preliminary training in caring for children. But the majority of the Formosan mothers are almost wholly ignorant of the simple knowledge of child welfare, which is the common heritage of all our mothers here at home. They do not know even the simple rules of health. Their homes are damp and cheerless and poorly ventilated.

There is still much superstition connected with sickness and disease with the result that infant mortality is very high. The Japanese Government is planning an extensive programme of health education but that is beyond the reach of a great number of mothers who cannot read.

A great work awaits our medical missionaries in Formosa along the lines of health education and as always, in medical work, evangelistic work can be linked up with it.

(Mrs. MacMillan herself, a nurse, has done much to make a beginning in this child welfare).

Evangelistic Work in Formosa

BY MRS. BELLA KOA

OUR Formosan Women's Missionary Society has four Bible women working just now. One is a savage woman. She is from the East Coast, and was in the Women's School for a short time. At the beginning of the year she went among her tribes and other tribes, telling them of salvation. She goes out visiting in the day time, and in the evenings the folks come to the chapel to learn to read. We have news from her saying that she has many women coming to hear her. The Chief of the tribes was pleased to listen to her too.

Please pray that many of them may become true worshippers of the living God, instead of worshipping some kind of spirit. One of their superstitious practices is that after the harvest is gathered, they throw some of it up into the air, as an offering to some spirit, before they use any of it for themselves. Some of them are learning from the Formosans to worship idols, although they do not like the way in which the Formosan people worship all sorts of idols, stones, trees, etc.

I have just returned from spending three weeks teaching, visiting and preaching at a country station with two Bible women. It was interesting and encouraging. We visited the homes of the Christians. In some of the homes there are only one or two Christians. We also visited non-Christians and told them the old, old story and read to them. We explained about the idols, that they have eyes yet could not see, ears yet could not hear, and that the tablets are made of wood, they are not their ancestors, the souls are not in them. The women were busy making hats, but they would put the work away and listen so attentively. At one home the mother kept saying, "What we hear is true, now you young folks should go to the chapel and hear more doctrine. I am old and can not hear well." Older ones often say that they think they are too old to accept the doctrine. I told her to sit near the front so she could hear well. Three, two of whom were adults, came from this home to learn to read.

We went several times to another home, giving the message to women who were busy making mats for the beds. They, also, were eager to hear.

Five of them came to worship with us on Sunday and Wednesday prayer meeting nights.

An old woman of eighty-one learned verses of hymns and Bible verses. She said, when we first began to visit her, that she was too old to worship God, as before long she would die, but gradually she became interested, and learned with pleasure.

A Christian man had a mother who hated Christianity. While we were in that village the mother took sick. We visited her and stayed some time, talking about the need of repentance and forgiveness if we are to



Mrs. Bella Koa, President of the Formosan W.M.S. and special worker under our Society, crossing the Tamsui River to visit sick ones.

be saved. We asked if we might pray with her and she consented. We went again and suggested prayer. She said, "Never mind, I am better." The first time we went she looked very cross when she saw us, but gradually became more cordial.

The women and girls used to come in the evenings and learn hymns. They all like the hymns, "Come every soul by sin oppressed," and "What a Friend we have in Jesus," and never seem to tire of memorizing them.

I spent quite a while with an old man who is blind, telling him about Jesus, the Light of the world. Please pray for them all to become followers of Him.

Our Formosan W.M.S. has quarterly meetings, and at present we are taking our studies from the history of our North Formosan Mission. A

number of women take part in each meeting. We send the programmes to meetings in all the different churches. We also have the prayer meeting for all the women on Chinese New Year to pray for the W.M.S.

In one of the villages I had a long talk with a woman whose son had died. She seemed unable to get comfort. I told her to trust Jesus. He is the Comforter. We also distributed the tracts, which are in characters, to many villagers there, and to the men and women who were in the ferry boat crossing the water. The women mostly said they did not know the characters. Truly they do not know them, because the older ones never went to school. I told them to take them home and give them to the men, they could read them.

The days are getting hot now, the farmers will be cutting rice in about a month more. Their threshing machines are not like those at home as they thresh by hand. The tea-pickers are busy picking the tea. It is all sent to the city to be repicked again, when the finer leaves are kept and scented with flowers over night. The flowers are picked out to burn for fertilizer, then the tea is packed in boxes ready to be shipped abroad. There are about fifty sugar factories in Formosa. The Japanese are clever at doing all these things. The roads are much cleaner and wider than when the Chinese governed here years ago. Progress is evident.

Seven Formosan Nurses Graduate

MRS. GUSHUE-TAYLOR

THE nurses' graduation was held the end of September. It was a lovely fine afternoon, so we had it outside in front of the nurses' home. Seven nurses have completed their three years' training and did faithful work. They obtained their certificates, the hospital pin which is made of Formosan silver in the form of the Island, and the yen 100 grant, which is really a part of their salary withheld and comes as a nice little present at the end of their training.

All the nurses were present except one who was on holiday, the staff and their wives, and the Japanese teacher who is teaching the nurses two evenings a week. She is an earnest Christian, belonging to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie and Miss Burdick came from Tamsui, and Mrs. Landsborough from the English Mission in Shokwa.

The preacher, who is standing at the right hand side of the photograph, conducted worship and gave a very appropriate address after which I had the pleasure of handing the certificates to the nurses, Miss Senior pinned on the silver pins and Miss Chisholm handed them the money grants. Then came the speeches by Miss Senior, Dr. Taylor, the preacher, Mrs. Landsborough and Dr. Graham. It was Dr. Graham's maiden speech to the maidens, and what do you think he said? He

offered congratulations and wished them much happiness, and hoped all the nurses, both native and foreign, would get good husbands! There were murmurs to the foreign nurses "don't you dare!" The native girls looked terribly shy, the men folk laughed approvingly.



The seven Formosan nurses who graduated
are seated in the front row.

We all had tea to the accompaniment of music from the victrola, and everyone was invited to inspect the home which was looking at its best. It was a very happy afternoon. We have a very fine group of nurses.

Chinese Mission Workers' Convention

REV. D. A. SMITH

"CHINA'S revolution is not yet complete, and the religion of Jesus Christ is the only thing that can make her what she can, and should, become."

This emphasis by Bishop Tsen, of Honan, China, on the place and need of Christ in Chinese life, can very well be called the keynote of the Eastern Canada Chinese Mission Workers' Convention, held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, over Thanksgiving week-end.

This tenth convention was acclaimed one of the finest ever held, both in point of spirit and interest manifest, and results reported.

Special features of the different reports submitted were the rapid growth of the work among the young, and the increase in the number of men joining the church on profession of faith in Christ. Letters from both east and west of Canada showing fine progress were also read.

The large number of Chinese attending the sessions was most encouraging, while the major portion of the musical programmes rendered was also contributed by Chinese young men and young women and

Chinese children. More and more the policy of the convention is to have the Chinese themselves take a larger part, both in the discussions and in the addresses.

Another outstanding feature of the gathering was the presence of certain distinguished visitors. The first one must mention is Rev. A. B. Winchester, D.D., though not strictly a visitor, being pastor emeritus of the convention church. One calls to memory, however, the fact that he, it was, who instituted Chinese mission work on the Pacific coast some forty years ago. Another was the Chinese Consul-General, Lee Tschuin who was accompanied by a very distinguished visitor to Canada, Dr. Tsu Min-Yee, Commissioner of the Nanking Government to Belgium. Both of these gentlemen spoke. There was also Bishop Tsen, of Honan Province, another visitor to Canada who delivered a stirring address in English, on "Christianity and New China" at the Sunday afternoon grand rally; while for the first time in the history of the meetings, the mayor of the convention city was represented, and greetings were brought by Alderman Carriek, who welcomed the delegates and emphasized the city's interest in her Chinese residents.

Many important phases of the work were discussed: The importance of personal visitation of the Chinese; the distribution of Christian literature; the present Immigration Act as affecting the Chinese in Canada, and the need for amending it; the relation of Canada to China, and Chinese students; the importance of linking up every Chinese man, woman and child in Canada with the church. These and kindred subjects were discussed, stressing the need for redoubling effort on the part of the delegates present, and the church generally, toward meeting our Chinese missionary opportunity in Canada.

Mr. John Hammond, of Cooke's Church, Toronto, was elected President for the ensuing year. It was also decided to hold the 1931 Convention in the city of Ottawa.

Chinese Farewell Miss Dickson

MISS AGNES I. DICKSON, Presbyterian missionary in charge of Chinese women's and children's work in Toronto, left in November to fill a similar position in Montreal. Previous to her departure she was the guest of honor at a farewell given by her Chinese friends at the Y.M.C.I.

The meeting was presided over by Miss Margaret Craig, Honorary President of Chinese Women's Red Cross Society, assisted by Mrs. Mark Kwong. Scripture reading in Chinese was taken by Mrs. C. H. Lum. An appropriate address was given by Mr. Tang, of Montreal, who stated that his feelings on this occasion were very different from those of the

rest of the assembled guests, as he was thinking of what it was going to mean to him to have Miss Dickson as an associate worker among his Chinese fellow citizens in Montreal. He exhorted that each member of the women's class would faithfully do the part for which God had given her the challenge, assuring them that the greatest proof of the help Miss Dickson had been to them would be the faithful carrying on of the work she was leaving.

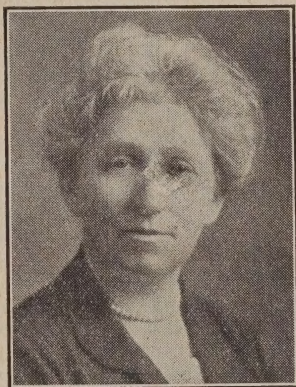
The Rev. Ma King Woo in Chinese and English, gave a message of appreciation of Miss Dickson's eight years' service in Toronto, especially for the women and children, but also for the Chinese community at large. He spoke of the help she had been to him and to his family during the three years she lived in his home. He also spoke of the work she had been able to do in centres outside of Toronto.

Mr. George Mark, on behalf of the directors and members of the Y.M.C.I., also expressed appreciation of the work Miss Dickson had built up in the Institute, and added that men as well as the women had benefited greatly by her help and counsel which was always freely and cheerfully given.

Mrs. Ma Woo, in giving the final message, gave personal tribute to the help she had received from Miss Dickson in their eight years of fellowship and work together. She stated that during her furlough in China she was repeatedly asked to take charge of women's services and that she felt her ability to do so, and the success with which she met, was due in a large measure to the faithful instruction she had received from Miss Dickson in Canada.

On behalf of the members of the women's club of the Institute, Mrs. Peter Kwaan presented Miss Dickson with a beautiful leather bag as a token of their love, appreciation and gratitude for all she had done for them and their children. She said they all felt like children just learning to walk, whose mother was leaving them and who might, in consequence, often stumble, and expressed gratitude that Miss Dickman, who is taking Miss Dickson's work, would be among them to strengthen and help them.

During the delightful tea hour that followed, a piano selection by Miss Isabel Taylor, and a duet by Miss Yeung and Miss Leung were beautifully rendered.



Miss Agnes Dickson, B.A.

Miss Dickson thanked them for their gift and for all their kindness and sympathy and bespoke the same attention for her successor, Miss Dickman, of New Westminster.

Miss Dickson was also presented with a beautifully fitted overnight bag from the Presbyterian Committee in Toronto.

World Day of Prayer, Programme

FEBRUARY 20th, 1931

We Shall Be My Witnesses

A Silent Meditation

"Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in Thy presence will avail to make!
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take!
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!
We kneel, and all around us seems to lower,
We rise, and all, the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear!
We kneel, how weak! we rise, how full of power!

"Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,
Or others—that we are not always strong—
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled—when with us is prayer,
And joy, and strength, and courage are with thee?"

—ARCHBISHOP TRENCH

Call to Worship

LEADER: Jesus said, "*Come unto me*, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me."—Matt. 11:28, 29.

Jesus said, "*Go ye therefore*, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."—Matt. 28: 19, 20.

Hymn of Worship — "Joy to the World" — *Tune, Antioch*

Invocation—(Leader)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Consecration of the Witness

LEADER: That we may be ready to witness with prepared and consecrated hearts, let us draw near to God in personal confession. Let us read again the act of consecration of a great witness.

The leader will read the following passage from Isaiah 6: 1-8:

"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim; each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

"And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

"Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts.

"Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar; and he touched my mouth with it and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."

LEADER: "Lord, teach us to pray. Lord, keep our thoughts from wandering, and cleanse our hearts that we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

RESPONSE: *Create in me a clean heart, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within me.*

Two minutes of silent prayer and personal confession and consecration.

Prayer Hymn (270)—*to be sung by the congregation seated, with bowed heads, continuing the prayer*

"Breathe on me, Breath of God"

Tune, Trentham, Unaccompanied

A Witnessing Church

Scripture Response

LEADER: Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Acts 1:8.

RESPONSE: *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:1-4.*

LEADER: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? . . . I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. And he trembling and astonished, said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? Acts 9:4-6.

RESPONSE: *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Romans 1:16.*

LEADER: And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. Acts 16:9.

RESPONSE: *And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel unto them. Acts 16:10.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the courage and faith of the early apostles; for the constraining love of Christ as the guiding motive of their lives; for their

missionary zeal and their high example; for the steadfast witness of the early church amid many perils; for the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit in the witness of the church.

Prayer—For a Witnessing Church

That the Christian Church to-day, in the midst of a changing order, may again be endured with power from on high; that she may bear faithful witness to the unchanging love and power of God in human life; that the love of Christ may still constrain her to go into all the world with the gospel of freedom and love; that her witness may be true, steady, and courageous, and that her witnesses may be filled with the love of Christ and the power of the Spirit.

Hymn — “The Church’s One Foundation” — *Tune, Aurelia*

Witnessing Through the Ages

Responsive Reading

LEADER: It should inspire us to recall the host of faithful witnesses who through the long centuries have spread abroad the gospel of Christ. Let us hear the words of a great Christian who lived and wrote in the third century, “There flourished at that time many other successors of the Apostles, continuing the work of preaching the gospel, and scattering abundantly over the whole earth the wholesome seed of the heavenly kingdom. For a very large number of disciples, carried away by fervent love of the truth which the divine word had revealed to them, fulfilled the command of the Saviour to divide their goods among the poor. Then, taking leave of their country, they filled the office of evangelists, coveting eagerly to preach Christ, and to carry the glad tidings of God to those who had not yet heard the word of faith. And after laying the foundations of faith in some remote countries, they hastened on to other nations, attended by the grace and virtue of God.”

RESPONSE: *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4: 13.*

LEADER: “The direct object of the mediæval crusades was the recovery of the Holy Land from the power of Islam. King and subject, bishop and parishioner, noble and peasant, age and youth, men and women, saint and sinner, were all fired with this new spirit of the age, sacrificing home, possessions, and life to engage in a holy war.”

RESPONSE: *But we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Eph. 6: 12.*

LEADER: Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Above all, taking the shield of faith, and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Eph. 6: 14-16.

Prayer—For a Crusade of Righteousness

For the vision of a newer, better world wherein dwelleth righteousness, for men and women who are crusaders in the cause of Temperance, Social Justice, Industrial Righteousness, and the moral welfare

of all communities; for fearless and outspoken defenders of the right in these great issues.

Prayers—For Our King, Our Empire and Our Country, For Peace

1. That there may be kindled in the hearts of all men the true love for peace, and that the bonds which unite the nations may be ever more firmly welded in the spirit and power of Christian love.

2. That all racial discords and international strife may be lost in the growing harmony of love, and that upon all who guide the nations in conference, and in action, upon the League of Nations and all organizations whose purpose is peace and good-will among men, the spirit of God may descend in power.

Hymn — “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” — *Tune, St. Anne*

LEADER: When many centuries had passed, the Reformation called for a return to the teachings of the Bible, and the Bible teaches us plainly that it is our duty to evangelize the world. It was an early Reformer, Baron Justinian Ernest von Welz, who sent out to the Christian Church this vigorous missionary appeal:

“Is it right that we Christians hold the gospel for ourselves alone, and do not seek to spread it?”

“Is it right that in all places we have so many students of religion, and do not induce them to labour elsewhere in the spiritual vineyard of Christ?”

“Is it right that we Christians expend so much on all sorts of dress, delicacies, in eating and drinking (and all comforts and luxuries) but have hitherto thought of no means for the spread of the gospel?”

RESPONSE: *Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. Matt. 25: 45.*

LEADER: The eighteenth century witnessed the organization of the great historic missionary societies.

Then in the nineteenth century the representatives of these missionary societies went into all parts of the world, lighting the fires of the Gospel. This was a century of vast geographical extension in missionary work. Among its great Heralds of the Cross are names which shall live forever in the annals of Christianity.

RESPONSE: *How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth. Isaiah 52: 7.*

Hymn — “O Zion Haste” — *Tune, Tidings*

Witnessing in a New Age

Responsive Reading—“THE JERUSALEM CONFERENCE”

LEADER: Beginning at Jerusalem, to the uttermost parts of the earth, the Gospel has slowly and amid many perils found its way through the long centuries.

From the uttermost parts of the earth to Jerusalem, there came, in 1928, representatives of the churches of many “Nations and kindreds and peoples and tongues,” whose bond of unity was the name and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

For fifteen wonderful days they talked together, they sang together, they prayed together, and had the Lord's Supper together,—until suddenly they were not fifty-one separate nationalities at all, but one race—a race called "Christians."

They found that the realms to be won for the Kingdom of God are not separated by geographical boundaries, but that the missionary task of the future is to penetrate with the principles and teachings of Jesus into all the great areas of human life and experience.

RESPONSE: *Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. Hebrews 12:1.*

Hymn - "Where Cross the Crowded Ways" - *Tune, Hampstead*

Prayers

1. For the witness of the Church in this new age, in all areas of life.
2. For the witness of the "younger" churches amid their many problems and for the faithfulness of the "older" churches in the time of testing.
3. For recognition of the truth that "every Christian must be a missionary."
4. For missionaries and their work in all lands and for mission boards.
5. For India and China—that their troubles may be solved by finding Christ.

Prayers—For Youth

1. That the boys and girls of all lands may accept the leadership of Jesus Christ, and that the teen-age girls of all lands may share in the building of the Kingdom by the way of Christian friendship with the girls of other nations.
2. That a vision of the beauty and greatness of Christian service may be given to students in our schools and colleges, and that young men and women may be led to accept responsibility for the work of the Kingdom.

Hymn - "Hail to the Brightness" - *Tune, Wesley*

Prayer

For the personal consecration of life, time and talents of the women of all nations, that we may have strength given us for the new responsibilities laid upon us at this time, and that we may walk worthy of the vocation whereunto we are called.

LEADER:

Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace,
The mountains may depart and the hills be removed,
But my loving kindness shall not depart from thee,
Neither shall my covenant of peace be removed. Isaiah 54.

Hymn - "Lead On, O King Eternal" - *Tune, Lancashire*

Benediction (*in unison*)

The Lord be merciful unto us and bless us;

The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us;

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us peace, now and evermore. Amen.

Suggestions

The programme was prepared by Miss Kathleen MacArthur, Vice-Principal of the College of the Churches of Christ in Canada. It is being used by women throughout the world, including the mission fields.

Every detail of the service should be thoroughly planned and the Leader should give much time to meditation and preparation. A Committee composed of the representatives of the various Churches in each community should be formed early to plan for the observance of the Day, a Key Woman having been chosen before the committee disbanded the previous year.

Conduct of the Service

It is suggested that two women should lead in each of the prayers under the headings, "Prayer of Thanksgiving," "Prayer for a Witnessing Church," and similar ones. Devotional silences are always helpful. A period of five minutes or more of silence for personal confession is not too long. These periods should not be directed by the Leader, but by those specially selected, as above mentioned.

From the offerings received on the Day of Prayer, the Inter-Board Committee sends gifts to the following inter-denominational movements approved by all Boards:

1. **Christian Literature for Women and Children in many lands.**—For Chinese children, "Happy Childhood"; for Japanese children, "Little Children of Light"; India, "Treasure Chest".

2. **Christian Literature.**—The writing and translating of books and other Christian Literature for Japan, India, China, Korea and Africa, and for Moslems in every land.

3. **The British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada and Newfoundland.**—"No record exists, as far as I know, of any Mission, whatever be its methods or history, making much real progress and becoming permanent among any people, if the Bible has not been given to them in their own vernacular."—Stewart of Lovedale.

4. **The Canadian School of Missions.**—This is a co-operative school established by the Mission Boards of Canada for the effective training of candidates and missionaries for world service.

5. **The Interdenominational Mission to Lepers.**

6. **"The Kingdom of God Campaign in Japan."**—"This is one of the most daring and most adventurous Christian movements that has been launched since Christianity's first introduction into Japan. At Easter time, 1928, when many of the world's Christian leaders were gathered at the memorable Jerusalem Conference, Kagawa, the eminent Christian mystic back in Japan, was spending the night-watches of the Passion Week in passionate, creative prayer. Out of this experience there came to him a call as clear as an evening bell to launch a movement that would push the number of Christians of this land up to a round million so that the impact of their united lives and influence would become a moulding force

in all phases of the nation's life. Although it is only five months since the Campaign was launched, it is already moving forward on seventy different fronts.

"Japan, in a unique sense, is a nation of readers. Ninety-eight per cent. of her people are literate and have an insatiable appetite for reading matter of every kind. The printed page, therefore, is a silent evangel which has the right of way and is given a hearing everywhere it circulates. In view of this fact *The Kingdom of God Weekly* has been launched.

"A wonderful Round Table Conference on Evangelism was held September 2nd to 4th, with the Chairman and Secretaries of the seventy-five District Committees. Already forty-one District Committees have planned campaigns for the Fall and Winter, to be held in one hundred and thirty cities and centres. The Campaign is thus moving forward with a great deal of momentum."—William Axling.

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Books Old and New

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

WE turn the page of the Book of Life, and enter another year. From our experiences the mind reaps inspiration or discouragement according to the use we make of our thinking powers. Nowhere is inspiration more easily obtained than in this department. To those of us who are denied the luxuries of life, we may obtain the luxuries of the mind. These at least are our heritage from the master writers and thinkers of the ages.

Sectional meetings and Presbyterials are already being planned, and for the *Literature Secretaries* we have printed a new and informative leaflet covering her duties, with suggestions for making this department a success. If you have not already received a copy write for one.

SUPPLY SECRETARIES please note that your leaflet has also been reprinted, with much information added. See that you get two or three copies from your Provincial Supply Secretary.

BOOKS ARE SENT OUT ON APPROVAL to your sectional meetings. It costs much for postage and express to do this, but it is the only way members may see the literature pertaining to our work, so please see that as many as possible are sold, and distributed for reading. The more we know of the countries and people with whom we work, and for whom we pray, the more enthusiastic we become, and the more joy do we get out of our missionary interests.

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We have a good supply of our study book "Ambassadors of Good Will," so every Society is advised to secure their copies, which give the highlights of the past year's work in our fields.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PROGRAMMES are now ready for shipment. Order through your Literature Secretary, or from Mrs. L. Ballantyne, at Head Office. Price 1c. each. A large supply is available.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

*For regular programme see page 21 of the study book,
"Ambassadors of Good Will"*

New Year's Day

READ.—Psalm 90; or Mark 1:16-20.

I thank Thee that to those who love Thee

The best is ever yet to be:

That, if we abide in Thee, we can never grow old,

For Thou, our Master, art eternally young,

Eternally radiant with the joyful energy, the freshness
and buoyancy of youth.

GOD of our lives, Who hast brought us to the beginning of a new year, we thank Thee for Thy goodness to us all the days and years of our lives, and especially for all the gifts of Thy love in the year that has ended. (Stop and think gratefully of some of them . . .)

Forgive us for our wasted days and hours, and our forgotten resolves. Help us to accept this new year from Thy hand with joy and zest, with faith, hope and love. For all its duties and experiences give us courage and wisdom. Save us from being discouraged by our failures, keep us from being unworthily content, teach us to expect great things from Thee in the high service to which Thou callest us. As the years pass may we come to know Thee better and follow Jesus Christ more faithfully.

Heavenly Father, bless Thou this day, and through all this year, those who are dear to us, the folk in our homes, and our friends . . .

Give some portion of hope and joy to all who at this season feel their loneliness; those who have no family or friends around them for good fellowship; those who are far from home. Help us to be kind to those who most need our kindness. Keep us unselfish through all our pilgrimage. And bring us finally, by Thy mercy, to our eternal home.

Through Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day and for ever. Amen.

—From “*A Day Book of Prayer.*”

GIRLS AND LEADERS

NEW YEAR PROGRAMME

“**A** HAPPY NEW YEAR” is a greeting readily understood by your Chinese friends since, for them, the New Year Festival is the high time of the year. For this occasion everything must be thoroughly scrubbed and put in the best of order. A farewell ceremony to the old year begins the celebration which concludes with the Festival of Lanterns on the fifteenth day of the first moon. During this period, salutations are exchanged, guests entertained, gifts presented and musical performances and plays arranged. Then with a final burst of glory in the way of gay colored lanterns and fireworks, all is over for another series of moons.

In line with these customs over the seas in China, it seems fitting to celebrate a New Year's Festival for your January meeting. Divide your group into committees: (1) decoration; (2) refreshment; (3) entertainment. Calculate any amount to be expended for the occasion in yen (Chinese currency which averages about thirty-four cents). Be careful to use the courteous form of address, “Most Honorable,” also the custom of kowtowing or bowing of head to ground.

1. Suggestions for decorations: Evergreen (the burning of twigs or needles is supposed to bring good luck); lanterns; artificial flowers; bright paper buds, butterflies, dragons and kites. (In connection with the last mentioned there is the New Year's custom of listing the faults to be

corrected on the kite and then letting it fly away.) The words—*Shou* (long life); *Fu* (prosperity); *Ta Hsi* (great happiness) and *Fu Yee* (may all joy be yours) might be used on programmes or name cards.

2. Refreshments: Shark fin soup, meat balls, bird's nest entree, mince patties, sliced fruits, rice wafers, candy, ginger, walnuts, tea. (Chop sticks might be employed for one course.)

3. Entertainment: Music; short play, pantomime or shadow pictures; Chinese poster competition; fish pond; procession of Lantern Festival.

Information may be obtained regarding Chinese New Year—"Two Years in the Forbidden City" by Princess Der Ling; "Far Peoples" by Grace Darling Phillips.

In preparing the service of worship with which to close the evening, remember that it may prove difficult to carry out these customs in war-swept China. Therefore, in your petitions, pray for peace. Ask one of the girls to tell the following story which reveals so clearly what a Happy New Year may dawn in China when the story of the Good Shepherd is better known.

Only a Shepherd Boy

BY MRS. H. R. GRAHAM

FAR away on the lonely mountains of northern China, the writer went seeking for souls. Two days ride from the mission station, up, ever up, the steep winding road, mule and rider climbed to a mountain village seldom visited. It was almost like climbing stairs, for centuries of wind and rain have cut irregularly into the soft loose soil of this part of the country.

The village was a typical mountain village, made up of dwellings, caves you might call them, cut into the hard baked soil. In one of these lived a solitary Christian, a poor widow, living on one meal of corn meal a day, but bearing the only witness for Christ in all that vast district. Even what little she had, however, she was glad to share with the missionary. The missionary must even share her k'ang, (the stone bed).

Her greeting was not encouraging. "No use coming here with the good news. The people will not listen. They are too wicked." But the missionary replied, "I have come to win at least a handful of souls for the Master." So out went these two, foreign in language, culture, and race, but one in zeal for the Master. To each house in the village they went, giving an invitation to all to come to the widow's cave to hear the "good news."

The last night of her stay, as the missionary sat on the k'ang surrounded by the women who had just come to Jesus, and gave them a last

message before starting back to the station, she noticed a lad of twelve in the crowd. Great, pathetic eyes looked up at the missionary.

The missionary reached out her hand towards the boy, and drew him to her. "Do you know the Lord Jesus?" she asked. To her amazement came the reply, "Yes."

"When did you come to know Him?" the missionary asked still dubious.

"To-day when you were talking about the good Shepherd. I recognized Him then. You see I am a shepherd boy, and when you were showing the pictures of the good Shepherd caring for the sheep I understood it all."

Just then a man came in after the boy, and seeing him, gave him a blow on the head, ordering him, brutally, to get out. Horrified the missionary exclaimed, "Oh, please don't hurt him."

But the man replied very politely, "Teacher, he is only a shepherd boy with no home or parents. I keep him in the mountains looking after my sheep. He is not allowed in the house and ought not to be here troubling you." But, by this time the missionary had her arm around the lonely, unwanted boy.

"Only a shepherd boy?" she exclaimed, "Why that is a great and wonderful work for a boy to do." And then she told the story of the Great Shepherd of the Sheep. And she told them about another shepherd lad by the name of David, who afterwards became the King because he obeyed the voice of God in his youth. She explained that the little lad before her might never have a chance of becoming king, but he could, and would, be an ambassador of the Great King of Heaven, the King of Kings.

She had just time to teach the boy a prayer and a few passages of Scripture. She could find no one in all that country who would take the time to help the boy, or even read a verse or two to him each day. He had to keep the light burning alone.

At sunrise the next day the missionary was away. As she rode down the steep path which led from the village she turned in her saddle to watch the sun come over the mountains, and there, away up on the mountain-side was the shepherd boy. He was watching for her, and he waved his staff.

It was heartbreaking to leave the lad alone there on the mountains, but after all he was himself in the care of the Good Shepherd and no ill could befall him.

Later when the missionary was making a report of the work in the village she told the story of the shepherd boy. The superintendent was much moved, and had the story written for a church paper in America. It came into the hands of a wealthy lady who wanted to do something for her Lord, and so she sent enough money to the mission

field to have the lad brought down from the village and sent to school. He is now training for a life-work of evangelism among his own people.

So to-day he is truly an ambassador of the great King, a faithful messenger.

Plan to have a part in the World Day of Prayer, February 20th, 1931. Watch for girls' programme on this page in the February issue.

“Great duties are before us, and great songs,
And whether crowned or crownless when we fall,
It matters not, so God's good work be done.”

Prayer

OUR God and our Father, Thou who knowest neither beginning of days nor end of years, Who art from everlasting to everlasting, eternal in the heavens, we, Thy children of a day, would come seeking Thy presence and guidance through the hours Thou mayest grant us for service in this new year. Thou hast called us through the redeeming love of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, to be ambassadors for Thee. Cleanse our hearts from all besetting sin, purify our daily lives of the dross of self seeking, clarify our vision to see the world's need, fill our souls with the power of Thy Holy Spirit, and use us for the accomplishment of our Lord's expectation when all the kingdoms of this world shall be His kingdoms. May we faithfully uphold by prayer and support all who are laboring in fields of special service under our church. May our church be more and more a missionary church. May her one passion be that of her Master and may she be an ever increasing power throughout the world for its salvation. We thank Thee, O God, for any achievement Thou didst make possible through us in the year that is closed. May its difficulties and disappointments have served to bring us to a fuller realization of our dependence on Thee. Help each one of us throughout this year, as never before, to seek Thy way, not our way, to live for others, not for self, and to find in Thy service the joy and peace and power that are promised to those who do Thy will. Hear this our prayer for the New Year, O our God, and grant us an answer in peace. Amen.

MISSION BANDS

January Programme

Hymn.—"We Have Heard a Joyful Sound" (798).

Scripture Lesson.—St. Luke 2:40-52.

Prayer.—That all may be followers of Jesus.

Hymn.—"Follow Me the Master Said" (766).

Announcements and New Year Message.

Offering and Prayer.

Hymn.—"The Wise May Bring Their Learning" (779).

Story.—(From Formosa).

New Year Resolution—all in unison.

Willing followers of Jesus we will be,
If we gladly give our best;
Though little the gifts, the dear Lord will know
And His love will do the rest.

The Lord's Prayer.

Suggestions to Leader

As already announced in December *Glad Tidings*, our new book of missionary stories is ready for your use. The programme for each month will be found on our Mission Band page for those who wish to use it.

I would suggest that the stories from our book, "The Missionary Told It" be used as the subject for study each month—for instance, this month our study is Formosa, in February India, and so on. Many Leaders find it a good plan to have members of the Band re-tell the stories at work or other meetings and it is certainly good training.

That this may be a happy New Year to each Leader and Mission Bander is the wish of your Secretary,

—Laura A. Dill.

Opium

MRS. G. W. MACKAY

THE prize for perfect attendance this term—Opium.

This announcement has been made a number of times in our little afternoon Sunday School and each term the name causes a titter, even though Formosan children are used to the strange names which Chinese parents give to their children. Opium does not enjoy the giggle as one can see by the set of her chin and the toss that she gives to her long black braids. Nevertheless she comes up with a smile to

receive her prize. One cannot but wonder as one looks at the thin, little sallow face whether the unfortunate name was given to her on account of her unhealthy color. It gave me a great surprise to find out that she was sister to two fat-faced, healthy little lads who also came to Sunday School. One could not associate her unhealthy look with the fresh, clear skin of the two boys.

Opium, however, was given away in childhood, perhaps in babyhood, to another family, where she seems to be cared for and kindly treated but the difference in looks is testimony to the fact that the little daughter-in-law is seldom given the love and care that is given to the children in their own homes.

In Tamsui we have no trouble in getting punctual attendance at Sunday School, our trouble is quite the other way. Many a time Opium and her two brothers arrive between 12 and 1 o'clock to attend a Sunday School which opens at 2.45. This was the time when I learned something about their family history. The little brother one day told me of another little sister who had been given away. He told me how the little girl, when about two or three years old, had one day said to her mother-in-law that she wanted to have a pretty dress on. The mother-in-law put the dress on, went out and left the child sitting on a stool in the house. When she came back an evil spirit had strangled the child to death. This sent a shiver through me as the boy told this story in all apparent belief. He said this evil spirit must like that house because this was the second child who had been taken by this woman and who had been strangled to death.

In a still later talk he mentioned another little sister who had been given away in childhood. His mother had not wanted to give this child away but the others were insistent and so finally an old grandmother came and carried her away. While she was going to the new home, her foot slipped and she and the child fell into a rice-field. This gave the child such a shock that it fell into a fever and so lay for some days. The people finally concluded that the child wanted a sight of her mother and sent for her. The mother got there just in time to take the child in her arms and comfort her before she died.

In the home of Opium, I have met the mother, a fine looking, kindly woman and the eldest sister, a girl of about 18. This girl had not been given away because the law says that the eldest girl must not be given away. She and her brothers have a happy, healthy cared-for look. Opium is by far the brightest of the three who come to Sunday School. She has learned to read the Bible and is very quick at reciting Bible verses or at telling a Bible story. She is on the whole as happy a child as I know of, amongst those who have been given away in childhood. It is safe to say that it is the exception for a little girl, given away into

a non-Christian home, to meet with real love. Very often they meet with neglect or abuse or positive cruelty.

In a Chinese home when a baby boy is born there is great rejoicing because that child belongs to the family and his children will carry on the family name. When a baby girl is born there is less rejoicing because a girl belongs to the home into which she will marry and even though the parents care for her and love her for a few years she is always regarded as one who cannot stay there long. So that custom has grown up, to give away the baby girl to friends if possible, who have little boys, who when they grow up will marry the little girl. They often bring into their own home, to take their own daughter's place, someone else's little daughter to grow up in their home, to marry their little boy.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. D. S. MACKENZIE, 8809, 112TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

IT is with the deepest sorrow that we record the passing away of the Reverend D. G. McQueen, D.D. Dr. McQueen was the great Home missionary of the Presbyterian Church in western Canada. His sympathy, generosity and selfless devotion to the cause of Christ knew neither the boundaries of congregation nor church. Wherever he was needed that was his field. Thousands of men and women in hundreds of towns and hamlets of Alberta loved him, mourn his passing and honor his memory.

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Calgary P.S. Executive have learned with gladness that Dr. and Mrs. Goforth may be visitors in Calgary in January. The Treasurer, Mrs. Jamison, tendered her resignation and Mrs. Begg was appointed in her place. Miss Armstrong, Y.W. & Girls' Work Secretary, gave a most encouraging report.

Mrs. J. H. Woodside, on her way to Banff to the laying of the corner stone of the new church there, had the delightful experience of meeting her old friend, Miss Ethel Reid, who was en route to South China to labor in connection with the Church of Christ in China.

Edmonton P.S.—A large audience enjoyed the programme presented by the children of the Mission Bands of the Presbyterial at their autumn rally. Eight Bands were represented. Cheery words of welcome were spoken by Janet McLennan and responded to by Gordon Oseroft, after which an interesting programme was enjoyed. Members of all the Bands took part. This has been our most successful rally.

At the November meeting of First Church W.M.S., Edmonton, Miss

Ina Tait gave a vivid description of New Zealand, dealing with its churches, religious life, beautiful cities and the life of the people.

Red Deer P.S.—Mrs. F. W. Allott, of Calgary, was the special speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of Olds W.M.S. In addition Mrs. Ekiss' Sunday School class presented a dialogue. The collection was \$19.00.

“Sunbeam” Mission Band, Three Hills, under its leaders, Mrs. S. Quigley and Mrs. W. Harte, have made a quilt. This, together with some toys, was sent to Miss Ross at Fort McMurray. The children are attending regularly and are much interested in their study book, “Love’s Candles.”

Hillsdown sent a Christmas box to the hospital at Vegreville.

Innisfail W.M.S. held its Thank-offering meeting in November.

Vegreville.—The Thank-offering meeting of Vegreville W.M.S. was held at the nurses' home of the “Rolland M. Boswell” hospital. The contributions amounted to \$25.00.

Rev. Dr. Kannawin was a welcome visitor at the school homes recently. He gave a splendid talk to the pupils on “Success and Faithfulness in Life.”

Ross Robertson and one of the senior boys of the school gave great pleasure to the younger pupils lately, by taking them on a paper chase.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY
VANCOUVER and Victoria are very fortunate in having visits from so many of the outgoing and homecoming missionaries. The last one was Miss Ethel Reid, who returned to China to resume evangelistic work among the women there. Miss Reid was entertained at luncheons and dinners and was presented with some dainty gifts. She also spoke at several meetings in the two cities. The Chinese women were pleased to hear addresses in Cantonese when she visited the Chinese churches. Miss Reid was very much impressed with the splendid work being done among the Chinese of British Columbia.

Judging from the excellent reports of the Thank-offering meetings, they were successful in each Auxiliary of the province. Space will not permit a full report of each one. In some cases the lantern slides of the mission fields were used with the accompanying lecture. These slides and their description give the audience a very clear conception of the work being done in the overseas fields, and should be used as often as possible as they leave a lasting impression. At some of the other meetings, interesting addresses were given by returned missionaries or other speakers. The Young Women's Auxiliaries and Mission Bands assisted in several places.

We are always pleased to hear of the Young Women and Mission Bands taking such an active part in the work of missions.

In the Kootenays and Kamloops-Okanagan Presbyterials, the Thank-offering meetings were arranged to take advantage of the visit of the Provincial President, Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, who was indeed a welcome visitor. She was unsparing of her time and energy, giving a very fine address at each meeting, also speaking at church services and Sunday Schools.

The Executives of each Presbyterial met when Mrs. Ledingham was present so that they might have the benefit of her valuable advice and experience. These meetings make it possible to discuss the work and many good ideas can be carried back to the Auxiliaries.

In some churches where it seems difficult to organize the Young Women in an Auxiliary, the Young People have a Society where they carry on the study of missions, and contribute to the missionary fund of either the Church or the W.M.S.

MANITOBA

MRS. W. F. HOGARTH, 118 N. JOHN ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SEC.

SUPERIOR P.S.—Miss Jean MacGregor, Girls' Work Secretary, gave a splendid talk to the C.G.I.T. of First Presbyterian Church, Port Arthur, on November 10th. The following day she addressed the C.G.I.T. rally at St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. Six groups were present. On the 12th, Miss MacGregor was a welcome guest at the Presbyterial Executive. She gave a vivid description of the Eastern Division of the W.M.S., their work and methods. In the evening Miss MacGregor spoke to the Y.W. Guild of St. Andrew's Church. This Associate Society adds mission study to its other work and greatly enjoyed Miss MacGregor's visit and inspirational address.

Winnipeg P.S.—Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, addressed largely attended Thank-offering meetings of Stonewall and Norwood Auxiliaries. Her story of the work at home and overseas was helpful and inspiring.

The "Eleanor Malcolm" M.B., St. James Church, Winnipeg, has 32 members. Their motto is "I'm Third"—meaning "God first, others second." The members take the Bible as the foundation of their study.

Great benefit has been derived from the W.M.S. literature. A helpful and profitable year has resulted.

On November 15th, a sale of fancy work, home cooking, and other products, besides afternoon tea served, was held in the Presbyterian Church, East Selkirk, under the convenership of Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, missionary in charge. Rev. W. M. MacKay, Synodical Missionary, opened the bazaar. During the afternoon a nice donation was received from the Young People from Walkeyburg. The event was a success both socially

and financially. A number of W.M.S. friends motored from Winnipeg to help along the good work.

A special meeting of the Selkirk W.M.S. was held in the manse on September 30th. Thirty members were present. Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, was the speaker. Her address was much appreciated, giving helpful advice on almost every phase of the work. Miss Jenkinson, missionary from East Selkirk, was present, besides a number of the Presbyterian officers.

On October 14th, Mrs. Nevín McWilliams, Presbyterian Welcome and Welfare Secretary, told a largely attended meeting many interesting stories of the work of this department, and Miss Mary Todd, told of the work from a deaconess point of view. Both speakers were much enjoyed.

Knox Church W.M.S. Thank-offering was addressed by Mr. Parry-Jones. The Mission Band contributed songs and recitations.

A special Thanksgiving service was held by the "Goodwill" Mission Band, Gonor, in October and a Thank-offering taken. This was the first meeting of the Band held in the new Church. Mrs. Flook, Presbyterian President, gave a helpful address. The older girls took part in the programme. High tribute was paid to Mrs. MacKenzie, the missionary in charge. The whole meeting was one of thankfulness and praise to Him who is the Giver of all good. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

The "Golden Sheaf" Mission Band, First Church, Winnipeg, held a Thank-offering meeting, November 12th. As this was an evening meeting both parents and children attended. The President, Mrs. G. A. Warrington, presided. Mrs. J. W. Caldwell told the life story of Dr. George Leslie MacKay. An interesting part of the programme was the presentation of 8 Life Memberships, 1 Junior Membership certificate and pin, and 2 silver seals. The collection amounted to forty-five dollars.

The Provincial held their semi-annual Board meeting, November 19th, Mrs. Robson in the chair. Reports showed money short in two Presbyteries; Winnipeg ahead of last year at this time; literature sales improved; supplies in good time. Miss MacGregor spoke on the work of the C.G.I.T. and Miss Todd of her work as deaconess, one of her cares being the Girls' Friendly Club, which meets once a week. The annual meeting is to be held in March. Plans are already being made to welcome the Council in May.

ONTARIO

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THE annual meeting of the Provincial Society will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, on April 21st, 22nd, and 23rd.

Algoma P.S.—The Thank-offering meeting of the Y.W. Auxiliary

of Westminster Church, Sault Ste. Marie, November 7th, was addressed by Miss Jean MacGregor. Mrs. R. D. Curry gave a report of the Provincial Board meeting.

Barrie P.S.—Thank-offering meetings—Schomberg and Beeton held a joint meeting with Tottenham, the visiting members giving the programme. Thornbury-Clarksburg, held November 18th, heard an address on "The Missionary Impulse" by Rev. E. Osborne. At the sectional meeting at Baxter, in September, Mrs. A. E. Swallow gave a talk on Manchuria.

Chatham P.S.—A sectional meeting of Knox and St. Andrew's held in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, October 27th, was addressed by Mrs. T. E. Langford, who spoke also at the joint Thank-offering meeting of Leamington and Blytheswood, and at that of Wallaceburg and Dresden. The attendance was excellent. The senior girls of St. Andrew's, Windsor, presented a play.

Guelph P.S.—The Thank-offering meeting of Gale Auxiliary, Elmira, November 21st, was addressed by Mrs. Wm. Ekins. This Auxiliary has sustained a great loss in the passing of Mrs. A. Werner, a life member.

The Home Helpers of St. Andrew's, Fergus, under three district leaderships, sent a fine bale valued at \$50 to the Supply Department.

Hamilton P.S.—The fiftieth anniversary of Knox Auxiliary, Dundas, was observed at the Thank-offering meeting held November 18th, when a history of the Society was read. Several of the oldest members lit the candles and cut the birthday cake. Speakers were, Mrs. H. C. McKellar, Mrs. J. A. Locheed, Mrs. H. J. Scott and Mrs. D. G. McGregor. The Mission Band and C.G.I.T. took part in the programme.

Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—At sectional meetings held at Snow Road and Stewartville, Mrs. C. S. Bootes, Dr. Margaret O'Hara and Miss Bertha McEwen were speakers. A Mission Band rally at Smith's Falls was arranged by Miss McEwen, and five pageants were presented by the Bands. Christmas gifts from the Bands were displayed, also neat layettes made by the Y.W. Auxiliaries.

Ottawa P.S.—A Mission Band rally, arranged by Mrs. J. R. Hill, was held in Knox Church, Ottawa, on November 7th. Fifteen Bands took part in the programme, and forty Junior certificates and pins were presented.

Sarnia P.S.—At the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Petrolia, a charter member, Mrs. Samuel Stokes, was honored with a presentation.

Toronto P.S.—Mission Band rallies were held in nine centres in October and November. The Bands took part in the programmes and enjoyed lantern slides and stories.

Miss Laura Pelton, Field Secretary, will be in this Presbyterial in

January, February and March, and will deliver her course of lectures on missions to groups of young people.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 108 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

THE quarterly meeting of the executive of Montreal Presbyterian held in Melville Church, Westmount, on November 14th, was largely attended. Reports were presented by the Secretaries of the various departments at work. The Treasurer's statement showed total receipts to date of \$10,362.48. Mrs. W. D. Reid was elected Exchange Secretary, replacing the late Mrs. E. B. Busteed.

The speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Jonathan Goforth, was welcomed by Mrs. I. C. Sharp, President of the Provincial W.M.S.

Going out to China in 1888, Mr. and Mrs. Goforth gave more than 35 years of service in Honan province. In February, 1926, they entered Manchuria, to found a new field for the Presbyterian Church. Nine months later a promising field opened to them in Manchuria, free from the horrors to the south. Headquarters were established at Szepingkai (meaning four level streets) and there they witnessed a tremendous tide of immigration surge in from North China, where the people had suffered from civil war sweeping back and forth over their country, accompanied by banditry and famine. Crushing taxation followed, driving the Chinese literally by millions into Manchuria.

From the smallest beginnings the growth was rapid, Mrs. Goforth said. Through tent and street evangelism, with chapels open all day, tens of thousands heard the gospel in the first two years. Immense help was given the young mission by the gift of thousands of pocket testaments sent for free distribution by Mr. Davis, of the Pocket Testament League.

More workers to aid the four men and six women missionaries now in this field are urgently needed, said Mrs. Goforth, who appealed that those at home should recognize their individual responsibility and uphold those laboring in the dark places of the earth by their constant sympathy and prayers.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEachern, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

PRINCE ALBERT-SASKATOON P.S.—At the Thank-offering meeting of Parkview Church, Saskatoon, Mrs. Horne, Provincial President, gave an interesting address on "Thanksgiving," in which she reviewed the work of the year 1929 in the various departments. Rev. Mr. Gunn, the pastor, gave an illustrated address on the Manchuria mission field. Special music was provided by Mrs. T. Greening and Parkview quartette.

A large gathering attended the *Glad Tidings* Thank-offering meeting

held by the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon. Vocal selections by a group of the older girls was much enjoyed. Miss Gillies read a paper on "Thanksgiving meditation" and the Mission Band contributed a love message acoustic introducing the *Glad Tidings*. Miss Cowan spoke on "The origin and development of the *Glad Tidings*." Miss Neatby spoke on "The inspiration and information derived from the *Glad Tidings*" and Miss Scott on "The programme and educational value of the *Glad Tidings*."

Kindersley Auxiliary, comprised of twelve members, reports renewed interest; using the study book as a basis they have undertaken a detailed review of the work, attempting as far as possible to make themselves familiar with the missionaries in each field. So far India has been the country studied. Notes from *Glad Tidings* and *The Record* were found particularly helpful. This Auxiliary has started a missionary photo album, arranging the pictures according to the field in which the missionaries labor. A Thank-offering meeting was held on the occasion of the rededication of the church. Guests were present from Coleville, a distance of twenty-four miles. Special music was provided by the Mission Band. Rev. W. G. Brown, of Saskatoon, addressed the meeting.

Regina P.S.—Miss P. Lamont addressed an enthusiastic gathering at the morning service in First Church, Regina, on November 23rd. The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary was held November 28th, when the *Glad Tidings* was specially featured—the Mission Band, C.G.I.T. and the Blue Banner Club contributing to the success of a very delightful programme. This Auxiliary has now under way a special campaign for the increase of subscriptions for *Glad Tidings*, and hopes to double the number for 1931.

Moose Jaw P.S.—Miss Lamont has finished her itinerary in this Presbyterian. A special missionary service was held in St. Paul's Church, Moose Jaw, Sunday evening, November 2nd, when Miss Lamont gave an address which was very favorably received. Mrs. D. C. Munro presided. The young women of the church, assisted by the C.G.I.T., had charge of the music.

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JUNIOR MEMBER

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JUNIOR MEMBER

Edith Mabel McAllister, Port Alberni M.B.

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Quebec Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBER

Quebec P.S.—Miss Katherine MacDonald, Marsboro Aux.

JUNIOR MEMBER

Montreal P.S.—Helen Zeurcher, "Light Bearers" M.B., Stanley Ch., Westmount.

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In Loving Memory of:

Montreal P.S.—Mrs. P. H. Thomson, by her daughter, Mrs. R. J. Bell, MacVicar Memorial Ch. Aux., Montreal; Mr. Thos. Glendinning, St. Andrew's Ch. Aux., Lachine; Mrs. E. B. Busted, by Mrs. Geo. McDougall, St. Andrew and St. Paul Ch. Aux., Montreal.

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Ottawa "Two Bible	
Women for Gwalior	
Mission"	\$ 100.00
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Editorial

THE World Day of Prayer will be observed on Friday, February 20th. This is one of the outstanding days in the life of the womanhood of the Christian Church, for on that date the women and girls, and in some instances the children, in forty-five countries of the world, will unite in prayer to God that He may draw all people unto Him, and hasten the coming of Jesus Christ into the lives of those of every race and tongue and tribe. The significance of this international, interdenominational effort is beyond description. No statistician can tabulate the result of this joining of hands and hearts and spirits round the world, this looking out together toward our varied fields of opportunity and up to Him, Who summons us and all our unused talents to witness to His power to lead us safely through the confusion, restlessness and uncertainty of the present day.

Last year a number of girls' groups participated in the Day of Prayer, and it was felt that a real beginning had been made toward a greater observance of the Day by young people. This year the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada, asked the National Girls' Work Board to prepare a special programme for the use of the girls, and it will appear in *The Torch* and also in this issue of the *Glad Tidings*. Copies can be obtained from the literature depots of the Women's Missionary Societies at one cent each.

Another year the Committee may perhaps consider the wisdom of issuing a programme for the use of the children. What a day it would be if added to the prayers of the women and the girls, the voices of the little children the wide world over were raised in praise and prayer. No finer preparation for world friendship could be conceived than this.

As some people have expressed a desire to follow in thought the meeting held on this Day in different countries, the following summary, prepared by Miss Florence E. Quinlan, will be of great help. It is entitled

A DAY AND A HALF

The date line being at 180° meridian, possibly the sunrise meetings in Japan and Korea start the observance of the World Day of Prayer, as Australia and New Zealand probably hold their meetings later in the

day. While some in Japan are meeting at 6.00 a.m. on Friday, February 20, 1931, it will still be **February 19** in many places—11.00 p.m. in Uganda, 8.30 p.m. in London, 3.30 p.m. in Santiago, Chile and New York, noon in Vancouver and San Francisco, 10.30 in the morning in Honolulu (all February 19).

If in Hawaii evening meetings are held at 8.30 p.m. on February 20, at that time **February 21** will be just starting in Chicago, it will be an hour after midnight in Mexico City, 2.30 a.m. in Porto Rico, an hour later in Rio de Janeiro, 4.00 a.m. in Buenos Aires, time to get up in the Netherlands, 8.00 a.m. in South Africa, mid-morning in Jerusalem, noon in Calcutta, early afternoon in China, 4 p.m. in Melbourne, 6 p.m. in New Zealand (all February 21).

In order to calculate the actual number of hours that transpire, let us take Toronto, Canada, the home of the author of the programme. While the 6.00 a.m. meetings are being held in Japan on February 20, in Toronto it will be 3.30 p.m., February 19; and if the last meetings are in Alaska and Honolulu, they will last until about 3.30 a.m., February 21, Toronto time, so the observance of the World Day of Prayer extends over an entire day and a half, possibly even more.

To know what hour it is in other lands while meetings in the United States or Canada are in progress, taking 10.30 a.m. in Denver, Colorado (1.00 p.m. in Nova Scotia), it will be 6.00 a.m. in Samoa, 7.00 in Hawaii, 8.30 in Sitka, Alaska, noon in Havana, Cuba, between 12.00 and 1.00 in Peru and Colombia, 5.00 p.m. in Madrid, 5.30 in Paris, 6.00 in Rome, Berlin and Liberia, 7.30 in Constantinople, Cairo, and Nyasa, in Lenin-grad and Moscow, 8.30 in Tabriz, 10.00 in Bombay, 10.30 in Ceylon, 11.00 in Calcutta, after midnight in Bangkok and Singapore, between 1.00 and 2.00 a.m. on Friday 21 in Peiping, Shanghai, and Manila, a little later in Seoul, 3.00 a.m. in Tokyo, 3.30 in Sydney and Papua, 5.30 in New Zealand and New Hebrides.

It will readily be seen what an interesting few minutes might be spent in your meeting visualizing each place around the world, using a school globe, which many department stores carry at a small price.

If you know how many hours difference there is between your town and Halifax or Denver, you can do a bit of arithmetic and from this list locate the hour all around the world at which your morning meeting is in session. For the afternoon meeting, just take the 3.30 p.m. New York time given above in the second paragraph or 3.30 p.m. Toronto in the third paragraph and calculate from either. Perhaps you will hang up a wall map of the world, and as you travel a helper will place a cross on each country that observes the Day.

AFTER five years of the most wonderful service as a missionary, and later missionary and treasurer of our mission in Manchuria, Miss Anna C. Kok is withdrawing from our staff. On December 15th, 1925, when the mission in Manchuria was started, Miss Graham and Miss Kok came to us, and during all these years, we have thanked God on every remembrance of them. Our prayer is that God will enable us to think calmly of that vast and needy field bereft of two missionaries of such outstanding devotion and consecration to the Master's work.

IT is a great pleasure to learn that all our institutions had a "perfect Christmas" and that "little and big hearts were oh so happy over the gifts they received."

OUR members will be glad to know that Miss Ethel Reid arrived safely in South China. She expects to be stationed, for the present at least, at Shek Lung, in the fourth Presbytery, formerly an American Presbyterian field and now under the Church of Christ in China. It is half way between Hong Kong and Canton.

MISS MARY CUDDY, the able Superintendent of the "Hugh Waddell Memorial" Hospital, Canora, Sask., has found it necessary to withdraw from our work for a time. As this step is due to family reasons, the Council Executive has granted Miss Cuddy a year's leave of absence, and Miss Cameron, senior nurse, has been asked to assume the duties of superintendent during that time.

"I DON'T believe there is a missionary meeting in Canada more interesting or more carefully arranged than that of our Saskatoon School Home," declared Miss Scott, the superintendent, in speaking to the Council Executive recently. This ringing statement came after Miss Scott had told of her delight at being in the Home from the beginning, her pleasure in training the girls in leadership, and her joy in knowing of one girl after another uniting with the Christian Church, and hearing of them, on their return home, accepting leadership of S. S. classes and girls' groups.

OUR members will be interested to know that our Overseas fields are to be featured in the magazine during this year—Formosa in January; work at Jhansi and Baragoon, in the Gwalior Mission field, India in February; the Bhil field, India, in March; Manchuria and South China in April; Japan in May; British Guiana in June. This is by no means an exhaustive study, the space is too limited for that. We just feature field by field and hope to retrace our steps later and take up any departments of work which did not appear in the month set apart for them.

Our 1931 Estimates

MRS. DANIEL STRACHAN

THE estimates for 1931 are to be found on another page of this magazine, and as you will see, stand at \$190,000. This is the amount set by the enlarged meeting of the Council Executive last May, and is just \$5,000 more than the estimate for 1930.

That it has not been easy to keep the estimate down to \$190,000 goes without saying, and a great deal of cutting out and paring down was resorted to, a very disheartening task for a finance committee. If disheartening to them, how much more so to the missionary on the field, to find the small expansion asked for either cut out altogether or so reduced as to be unrecognizable.

In the National work the increase in estimate is largely one of normal increase in salary. The only expansion provided for is in the Hospital department where provision is made for a second nurse at McMurray if necessary in the fall; and in the Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess department where the salary of a new deaconess is allowed.

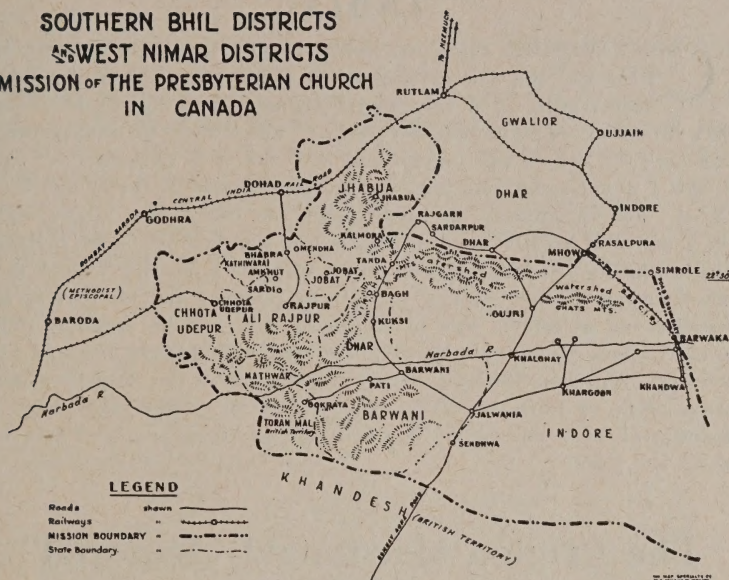
In the Overseas work all the expansion in buildings is in India, the largest amount being \$5,000 for a hostel in Gwalior. This is for the "Helen Macdonald" Girls' School, and is necessitated by the rapid growth in the school. This amount, as well as the money for the garage, comes out of the legacy fund and not from the contributions of our women. There is some normal expansion in Japan for support of extra Bible women, a decrease in Manchuria with salaries of two missionaries cut out and a consequent decrease of work for the present, an increase in South China with the going of Miss Ethel Reid to her new field, a decrease in British Guiana because of transference of the support of Miss Barlow to the Eastern Division, and a decrease in Formosa largely because of the withdrawal of missionaries.

You will notice also an estimate of \$7,400.00 for new missionaries, some of whom are in training, but all of whom go out this year.

Though it is too early as yet to make any statement as to our funds, we can say that up till the end of December, 1930, we compared most favorably with December, 1929.

This year may be a hard one and it may be increasingly difficult to raise our estimates, but we go forward in trust. We know our women will do their best and we here will do our best to manage as economically and carefully as possible. If the women of our Church will study world problems and realize the need of our sharing Christ as the solution of these problems and feel their responsibility, our objective of \$190,000 for 1931 can be reached.

**SOUTHERN BHIL DISTRICTS
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SKETCH MAP OF INDIA



India

"COMRADESHIP, therefore, should be of the essence of our relationship. But comradeship itself should be based on something deeper still. And here again, we may profit by the advice of that far-seeing Anglo-Indian, Sir Herbert Edwardes. He sought for a link between British and Indians and he found it in Christianity. And in this I would agree with him, except that I would prefer to find it in Christ. For Christianity has many forms, but Christ one. Christ, with the example of his life—and an Asiatic life, well understood by Indians; Christ with his teaching of love; Christ with his injunction to seek first the Kingdom of God—readily appeals to Indians; and all that is required is an acceptable way of presenting him and his message. The most religious Hindus are deeply impressed both by the life and the message. And from their intuitive understanding of the Gospel we have often much to learn ourselves. In matters of religion they have a genius such as is only dimly developed in ourselves, and from this we might well profit."

—Sir Francis Younghusband.

The "Helen Macdonald Memorial" School at Jhansi

MISS F. IRENE STRINGER

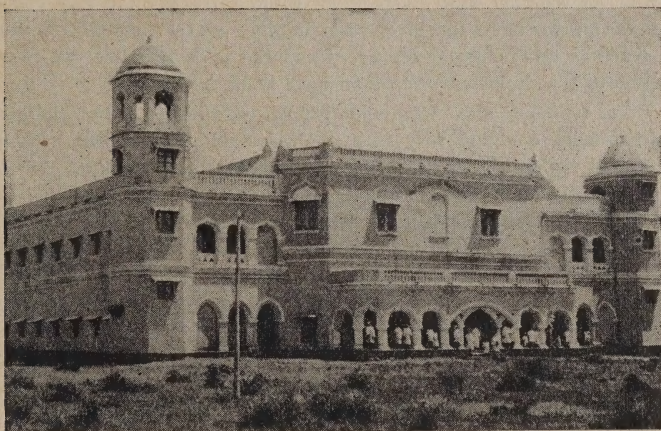
THE aim of the "Helen Macdonald Memorial" School is to fit Christian girls, primarily those of our own mission, to be useful and helpful women. We do not desire to give them only knowledge of the three "R's", "Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic," but first of all to teach them to be true Christians, so that when they leave school, they may be shining examples of Christian womanhood, wherever they may be. This does not mean that they spend most of the day in Bible study, for we do not believe that that is all they need. Besides school work and Bible work, each girl gets a thorough training in all household work, cooking, sweeping and sewing.

This last week I have learned more fully just what a bee-hive of industry the school really is, as the matron is on her holidays and I have been living with the girls. If it is only when children are idle that satan finds mischief for them, then he certainly would not find much to do in the "Helen Macdonald" School, for almost every minute of their time is accounted for in work or organized play. And yet he does creep in for the children are not always good. The truth is only to be told when it is to their advantage and some, I am sorry to say, are too much inclined to pick up things they admire belonging to other people. These are some of the

things we have to fight against and our aim is to instil better principles into their minds.

For a child who has always been at home and given her own way, as are so many Indian children, at first, school is not at all a pleasant place. They like to sleep in every morning, they don't want to do the sweeping, or they don't know how to cook or don't want to clean, but they do want to eat, when and what they like, they don't like rice and mother always cooked them something special. So that often when father or mother comes to visit for the first time there are tears and yells and a great many complaints. Sometimes, but not often, the parents think that this must be a terrible place, a real jail, and that the girls are under-fed and beaten and so take them home.

If you could spend a day here with us, you would hear first of all the



The "Helen Macdonald" Memorial Girls' School, Jhansi, erected by the late Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Toronto, in memory of his daughter.

alarm at 4:30, a few minutes later foot-steps coming lightly along the hall and into the matron's room. It is the head girl of the group of seven, who are cooks for the week. She takes the key off the nail and if her helpers are not already up, rouses them. Then perhaps you may think all is quiet and you can have another sleep, but just as you turn over, a sound comes of something heavy being turned round and round and several voices singing, perhaps a familiar hymn tune. It is the grinding girls getting their grinding done for the day and singing as they work. Then next you will hear the swish of brooms and someone shaking bedding and if you get up to find out what is going on you will see some of the girls sweeping and others rolling up the bedding rolls and putting them in piles along the wall for the day, or perhaps putting the blankets on the roof in

the sun. Each girl from tiny Malti of five to the oldest has certain work to do.

By 6 o'clock all is finished and the girls begin to get ready for school. The bigger girls must see that the little ones have washed and cleaned their teeth, that their hair is combed and that they are wearing a clean dress. Each older girl has from two to four little ones to look after. She must see that her own and her small girls' work clothes are put away and that their boxes are tidily arranged. All this accomplished, they line up for inspection and then the bell goes for chota hazri or the little breakfast. The maid for the week appears with her basket of fresh chipatis, their Indian bread, and the girls form a circle around her, all fold their hands and silently give thanks, then the bread is divided so many to each girl.

After breakfast the girls have fifteen minutes before prayers to get their books together and study their Bible verse for the day. The bell rings for prayers and the girls form in lines in the long hall downstairs. The teachers take charge of prayers and the girls then file out into their class-rooms for three-quarters of an hour Bible lesson.

From 8 o'clock until 12, except for fifteen minutes recess, the girls are busy in school, studying very much the same subjects children at home do, except that their geography and history is chiefly about India.

At 12 o'clock, as soon as they get out of school they have their second meal of the day and immediately after the meal each girl washes her own plate and cup and the cooks wash the one dish used to cook vegetables. The bell rings for rest hour and until 1:15 all is quiet in the school. At this hour the bell rings again and the girls get ready before the sewing bell rings at 1:30. Two of the teachers have charge of the sewing and all the girls, except the cooks, sew on all sorts of pretty tea-cloths, etc., until 3. From 3 they have a half hour play period until study hour which lasts until 4:30. By study time the cooking is done and the cooks go to study too. From 4:30 until the evening meal at 6 is play time, usually supervised by the teachers. After this meal they have evening prayers and then are free to play until 9 o'clock when the bell rings for silence and so a day of work and play is completed in the school.

Such a programme makes the girls self-reliant as much of the work is supervised by the head girl of each group. The group is changed each week so each girl has her turn. The last Friday of every month is mending day when, overseen by the matron, the girls mend their own clothes and those of the little girls under their charge. Saturday is an especially busy day as they do their cleaning and washing and bathing.

We now have girls from several outside places as the parents feel their girls get such a full education. As yet few of the "Helen Macdonald Memorial" School girls have taken positions elsewhere, but of those old pupils married,—one, Florence, is doing Bible woman's work in our own mission, and another, Tina, whose husband is a preacher in a Methodist

Mission, is teaching a little school and studying for Bible woman's work. Two more of our old girls are training in Neemuch as children's nurses and, this year, we hope two more will be ready for a higher course.

Sometimes the work is discouraging but when we see our girls improving day by day it is indeed worth the effort.

Duties of a Missionary Nurse at Jhansi

MISS LILY A. SIMPSON

MY work has hardly begun yet, as I have had many interruptions, however, everything has been a new experience for me.

I have one of the hospital nurses with me now, a very capable girl. She is the medalist of the whole of the North of India Nurses who sat for examinations at that time and not only is she a capable nurse but what is more valuable still, a very good Bible-woman. The hospital staff were very loath to let me have her as they were short of nurses at that time, but she desired a change herself and wanted to come.

Since I got the car I have started doing district work but not as Miss Whatling does it, camping out two or three weeks at a time. As we have about two hundred and fifty or more Christians in our own compound who must have attention when they need it, it is really necessary for me to spend more time in Jhansi. We make daily trips, trying to visit one or two villages a day and each place once a week. At first we started out at 7 a.m. but that left no time in the morning for the Jhansi dispensary to be open, so, upon request, we arranged to have the dispensary open an hour every morning, when all the school boys and girls who need medical attention are cared for. We have from eight to fifteen patients then, the majority of ailments being malaria, sore eyes, sore ears and sores. At 8 a.m. we start out to our villages, going to those where we have a preacher. Knowing that we will arrive on that day, he gathers all the sick together, so when we appear, usually, quite a little group are waiting for us. As times goes on and the people get to know our day, we hope more and more will come. There is not very much sickness here just now, this seems to be the healthy time of the year, however, we have had up to thirty patients a day.

In some of the villages we get a very good reception, in others we are not so welcome, but a personal touch means much, and as we continue going, we hope with the Master's help, to get to know the people better and so win their hearts and confidence.

We begin our work by singing a hymn followed by a little talk, telling them that wonderful story of Jesus and all He has done and is doing for us; then we attend to their ailments. Some of the people are very grateful and love to hear us and ask for more singing, but as I said before, this

work is only beginning, and we meet with many discouragements, sometimes just laughter and scorn.

I feel we need a doctor and a hospital here, especially for men, very badly. I know that the home people think that all our requirements are met in the Zenana hospital, I thought so myself at first, but what about our own boys and men? We cannot send them to the Zenana hospital, a women's hospital. Dr. Thurrott, at the women's hospital, has been very good to us and helped in every way possible and Dr. Ernst too, but it is against their mission rules to care for men. However, they have given us lots of help and advice, but Dr. Thurrott goes home this spring and Dr. Ernst will have all and more than she can do, and so I won't feel free to bother them as much as I have.

I have been using two rooms in my dispensary as hospital rooms. In July and August we had four patients practically all the time. I think we could have had more had we had the room. They were all school boys. One little boy had cholera, that dread disease that takes such toll every year in India. I rushed him to the hospital first and Dr. Thurrott worked over him for two hours, they kept him for two days until he was out of danger, then we brought him to our little hospital. I had another patient whom I think had typhoid, we did not have any doctor to diagnose his case so am not sure, but after six weeks in bed he got well again. The rest of the patients had malaria and were sick from two days to a week. Those two rooms have been a great help to me and now I am having a verandah built on to them and some repair work done, so that it will make a little start towards a hospital and enable us to care for a few of our own people.

Mr. McKay has asked me if I would hold first aid classes for the boys, so after Christmas I will start classes once a week.

Baragoon

MISS ANNIE L. WHATLING

BARAGOON is situated nine miles from the outskirts of Jhansi, on the main highway to Cawnpore. It means in English, Large Village, and it is well named, for it is a very large one. The Mission owns a great deal of land in and around the village. It is not suitable for building, however, being low, rich soil, so when it was decided to build the bungalow out here, we purchased a good site about half a mile away from Baragoon, and between two small villages. The site was very rocky, and much blasting had to be done. The blasted rock was used to build the compound wall. The compound consists of between five and six acres of land.

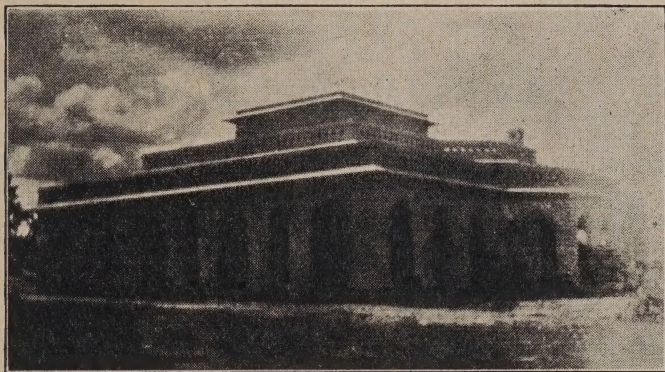
The bungalow is a pretty one-storey building, with a roof-room for

sleeping. It contains a living-room, dining-room, two bed-rooms, two offices, two bathrooms, two dressing-rooms, two store-houses, and a kitchen and store-house built at the rear, with a covered passage-way connecting the same to the bungalow. A beautiful verandah extends almost around the house.

The bungalow is a lovely silver grey on the outside, which harmonizes perfectly with the potted palms, placed in the archways of the verandah. The compound at present looks bare, but in a few years when the young fruit trees grow and a flower garden is well under cultivation, it will be a very pretty spot.

The servants' houses are off in a compound of about an acre just outside the main compound, but connected to it.

We have been blessed in a beautiful well, full of clear, soft water, and it bids fair to supply all our needs as far as water is concerned.



The New Bungalow at Baragoon

The villages are fairly close together out here, and many can be reached at all times of the year. The people are very willing to listen, and an open door is given to us in almost every village.

Since I have been living out here, I try to attend to all simple maladies. Miss Simpson supplies the medicines, and visits me once a week to help in this work. Knowing so much more than I do about medicine, and always willing to teach and help, her visit is looked forward to with delight.

Two years ago, in a village about three miles from here, it was impossible to gain entrance to a single home, to tell of Jesus' love, so we preached outside of a temple. The priest in charge sneered the whole time. This fall that very priest brought his mother to have an abscess treated. By God's blessing she was greatly helped. He re-

turned for more medicine and to thank me, and apologized for his previous attitude. Needless to say we have a good opening there now. Sometimes we think our work in vain but "God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform."

We will work among the villages and do our best to tell the story of Jesus' love. It has been the custom to spend about five months in tents, going from village to village, preaching and singing of God's love, and the way of salvation. This year we will again engage in this work, but will return here more frequently to centre our efforts in Baragoon and the surrounding villages.

If it be God's will we would like to see a Church established out here. It is a hard Brahmin centre and the people seem content to live in darkness and reject Christ. But God can break down their indifference and melt their stony hearts. We have only to trust, believe, and have faith in Him.

Books Old and New

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

TWO more leaflets have been added to the set for the little pocket "PRESBYTERIAN WORK ACROSS CANADA," and these have been mailed to all who purchased the set of six with the pocket. It is expected that the last two will be ready in a very few weeks. The first two were on:

Chinese Work in Canada, and
Ukrainian Work in Canada

The two just off the press are:

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OUR LETTER BOX

Jhansi Fascinates Miss Moodie

The first letter from our new Missionary

"HERE I am at last settled in my new home, and a happier or more comfortable spot I would not wish for, but before I give you any news of Jhansi I will just run over our trip quickly.

Ellen Douglas and I had almost three days in Edinburgh and in a hurried way we saw most of the historical features of that great city and also did a lot of visiting. Time was just a little too short, but gave us that yearning to return, and spend more time at such places as the Castle and the Shrine. Then, when we all were together again we discussed Edinburgh and London and all decided we would like to see these places again and other parts of the old land. Much as we enjoyed it and would like to return, I think we are all of the opinion that we would not care to make our home anywhere except Canada.

The trip from Liverpool to Bombay was very different from the Atlantic, during the whole three weeks there was never a roll. Then there

were such crowds and so many small children, and being mostly English and military or business people, we did not meet as many as we did before. There was a party of Baptist missionaries however we did meet, and together we enjoyed our trip.

The prettiest sights, to me, were Gibraltar and the Straits of Messina between Sicily and Italy. The former we saw in the morning. We arose about 5.30 a.m. and watched the break of dawn, and as we waited for passengers to go through customs, we got a wonderful view of the great Rock, the city with its old fortifications, as the sun slowly rose behind it. We passed through the Messina Straits about 7 p.m. and as we approached, the lights became brighter and more numerous until it looked like a fairy scene.

We had hoped to land at Marseilles, but the harbor is very narrow, and owing to a strong wind we had to wait all day before we were allowed to enter, so although we could have gone ashore in the evening, we decided it was not worth while in the dark. We had a couple of hours at Port Said where we did a little shopping. There we received our first taste of a real Eastern city. We began to get the heat then and of course it was very hot during our three days in the Red Sea.

When we reached Bombay, we were not at all sorry, as three weeks on the water is a fairly long trip, even with its many new interests. Miss Williamson met us and I was well looked after.

I had four days in Bombay and then they put me on the train for Jhansi. I enjoyed the trip although I was alone and the train was different from any others.

I arrived here at noon Friday and received a warm welcome. All the folks were at the train except Mrs. Hawtin and Mr. Lowther and they were unable to get down. From the moment I stepped off that train I knew I was going to love Jhansi. This feeling was further strengthened when all the girls came over to the bungalow and with their teachers sang for me in English. I've never seen a lovelier group of people, they looked so spotless and shining, their hair combed neatly, their teeth pearly white, and their faces just beaming with happiness. My only regret was I could not speak to them as they do not understand much English. Everyone has welcomed me and although they cannot talk to me it shows in their faces and actions.

Gracebai and her ten little ones came over and pinned a rose bud and poinsetta leaf on me, and the preacher's wife and another of the women decorated me with wreaths. Of course these people are all Christians and they are more appealing than the others, still when we have been into the native quarters of the city I have felt a certain fascination for the people and I know that I am going to enjoy my new home and work when I am able to take it up.

I have had a week at the language, taking two hours a day. I cannot

say whether I am making any headway or not, as I have nothing or no one to compare with, but I don't suppose I can expect to speak in a week's time. I like it and once I really can say a few phrases and sentences I'll be happy.

I have been out to the farm and to the new bungalow. It is a very attractive building and Miss Whatling has it nicely furnished and very homelike.

The native nurse and teachers invited us to a real Hindustani meal one day and I quite enjoyed it, although I found difficulty in getting the food to my mouth without spilling it, but I stuck to it, and managed to finish the meal in real Hindi fashion. It took me a while to get the kinks out of my legs before I could stand straight, but I guess I will learn the art of eating with my fingers and sitting on my legs yet.

I thought the Indians were not musical but I find they are. The boys and girls sing very joyfully and musically too in Church and Sunday School. The men and lady teachers are trying to learn 'Joy to the World' in the four parts and are doing very well. We have a piano and as I can play the hymns, we have some good sing-songs. The teachers, after choir practice on Saturdays, enjoy nothing better."

—(*Miss Catharine M. Moodie.*)

School Girls at Jhansi

Jhansi, India.

"WE now have 76 boarders and 8 day pupils, a total of 84. Then there are the small children at Gracebai's. This last month they have begun to attend the kindergarten classes and they do enjoy it so. There are 9 wee ones left at Gracebai's now. Yesterday Wilson, the oldest boy, was transferred to the boarding school.

The two sixth grade girls are such dears. Priscilla wants to be a Bible woman and Shisheila either a nurse or a doctor. I do hope we can get scholarships for them as their parents are so poor they can not do much to help. Then next year we have four girls who, I hope, will be ready to pass the sixth. Two of them tell me they want nurses' training and one says she wishes to be a teacher.

The girls do almost all fancy sewing, luncheon sets, tea sets, scarfs for bureaus, dressing table sets, underwear, baby clothes, bedspreads, and pillow slips. They do embroidery and drawn thread work. This work is all on Irish linen.

Our two girls in Neemuch are getting on splendidly. I do hope they can finish their three years but even a year will help them.

Our trip to Benares was very profitable to me as we visited so many other schools. We saw the C.M.S. Industrial School at Sigri Benares. There the system is much the same as ours. Each big girl has eight little ones to look after and cook for. Our girls are responsible for four small

ones and cook each by turn in groups of ten a week. It was just our own school carried on in a much bigger scale. Then the school in Allahabad was a day school and we only had about three minutes to see it. The Cawnpore school is a boarding school, but as so many were sick with measles and flu we could not see it as I would have liked."

—(Miss) F. Irene Stringer.

Christmas at Jhansi

Jhansi, India.

"AS Christmas draws near we all think of Canada rather more than usual. As I write the sun is streaming down upon our compound with the warmth of June in colder lands. The green of the trees and bushes, the blossoming roses and the many birds—these are not what we ordinarily associate with Christmas. Yet they are the same signs as marked the first of all those glad days which have meant so much to the world for centuries now and, especially at night time, bring that first Christmas vividly to mind. The marvellous blue of an Eastern night, the brilliance of its stars and the beauty they reveal in the world beneath them serve to make that time of day one of the unforgettable experiences of India. I say nothing of the watchers by their fields or the camels along the roads. Add to such sights the sound of boys and girls singing our own familiar Christmas hymns in their language and you have a setting which is unspeakably rare in its appropriateness to the season. We have the glory of just such a night as saw the shepherds on their way to Bethlehem. Around us a hundred things recall the surroundings of the Christ-child, even the stolid oxen eating grass. Then into our ears come sounds hallowed with the most sacred associations, praising His coming who has so recently saved them out of the darkness of pagan homes with their degradation, their diseases, their depravity, and brought them into a light which has cleansed and purified them in body, mind and soul. No less than this have missions done for them. They have been redeemed from a bondage worse than slavery and have been shown their Redeemer. Do you not envy us our Christmas surroundings?"

—(Rev.) A. A. Lowther.

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GOD OF MY FEARS

"God is our refuge and our strength,
In straits a present aid;
Therefore, although the earth remove,
We will not be afraid."

—Psalm XLVI: 1, 2.

"Be strong and of a good courage The Lord, He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee, He will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed."—Deut. XXXI: 7-8.

"He that had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man and I was afraid, and went away and hid thy talent in the earth But his lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant."—Matt. XXV: 24-26.

Other readings: Exod. III: 11-15; Psalm LXXIII: 21-26; Isa. XLIII: 1, 2; Luke V: 4-11; Rom. VIII: 14-18; I John IV: 13-19.

You would not wish your life to be so hampered by fears and worries that Jesus would call you a "wicked and slothful servant". Therefore resolve to put them away as unworthy, remembering

*that you belong to God;
that God knows all about your fears;
that God is your refuge;
that your part is only to trust.*

If thou but suffer God to guide thee,
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.

Thanksgiving

O God, Who art my refuge and my strength, I thank Thee for all the words of hope and courage in the Bible,

for the sense of Thy presence near me,
for Thy knowledge of my weakness and my fears,
and above all for Jesus Christ, victorious over
fear and sin and death, and ever calling
me to share His victory.

Just as I am, young, strong and free,
To be the best that I can be,
For truth, and righteousness and Thee,
Lord of my life, I come.

Intercession

Hear us, O Lord, as we ask Thee to uphold with Thy strong spirit all those who are crippled by fears of any kind: all who shrink from the brave adventure of life, whose spirits are held in bondage by the fear of death, or darkened by the dread of ill-health or poverty; all who are hampered by the fear of criticism; all who amid their temptations distrust themselves and have not learned to trust in Thee. We ask Thy blessing on all men and women who are leading the great Christian enterprises: those who are thinking great thoughts, those who are doing great deeds, those who are suffering pain or loneliness or misunderstanding for Christ's sake, and who by their heroism are leading many timid souls to Thyself. Hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master. Amen.

—From “*A Day Book of Prayer.*”

GIRLS AND LEADERS

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For the use of C.G.I.T. Groups and other Girls' Organizations

ON WORLD'S DAY OF PRAYER

Quiet Music—

Invocation—

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn—

“Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts,” 448, verses 1, 2, 4, 5—Tune: Maryton.

Scripture—

“And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And He saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And straightway they left their nets, and followed Him.”

Hymn—

“Jesus Calls Us”, 553—Tune: Galilee or St. Oswald.

Prayer—

For sensitive spirits that we may hear the call of Jesus. For guidance and aid as we seek to follow Him in every activity of our common life.

For grace and wisdom that we may understand people of different ways from our own and be more neighborly.

That the love of Jesus may be spread abroad in the hearts of men in order that love, joy, and peace, which are the fruits of His spirit, may abound in all the world.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison).

Hymn—

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life,” 581—Tune: Walton.

Leader—

“Where are you going, Great-Heart?”

“To break down old dividing lines;

To carry out my Lord's designs;

To build again His broken shrines.”

Then God go with you, Great-Heart.

“Where are you going, Great-Heart?”

“To set all burdened peoples free;

To win for all God's liberty;

To stablish His sweet sovereignty.”

God goeth with you, Great-Heart!

A Litany—

O God who hast set before us the great hope that Thy Kingdom shall come on earth, and who hast called us to share in it.

For all Thy gifts which shall aid us

WE THANK THEE.

For all our opportunities for service in the building of Thy Kingdom and for our comrades in this adventure

WE THANK THEE.

For all those who have pioneered before us for Thy Kingdom, patriarchs, prophets, and apostles; the wise of every land and nation, the teachers of mankind and all other true followers of Thee in every rank of life,

WE THANK THEE.

But above all for thine inestimable love in the gift of Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who has taught us to pray "Thy Kingdom come"

WE THANK THEE.

AMEN.

Meditation—

This is the World Day of Prayer.

As we worship here in our small group, thinking upon our share in the work of the Kingdom of God and asking God's help that we may share in it more fully, we may be conscious of a world-wide fellowship in that prayer. Girls and women of many races and nations, of differing creeds, and with varying interests join with us in our prayer.

Then as we think of the work of the Kingdom we remember those of past years who have toiled and striven on its behalf. Let us meditate upon their high courage, their steadfast faith, their great work for God.

"For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluja! Alleluja."

Silent Prayer—

Pray that we may be more worthy of the glorious fellowship with great souls of the past which is ours in the work of the Kingdom. AMEN.

Hymn*—

"Forward Through the Ages"—Tune: "Via Militaris".

Scripture—

Ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace,
The mountains may depart and the hills be removed,
But my loving kindness shall not depart from thee,
Neither shall my covenant of peace be removed.

Hymn—

"Lead on, O King Eternal" 540—Tune: Lancashire.

Benediction—

The Lord be merciful unto us and bless us;
The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us;

* If the music for this hymn is not available it may be read as a poem.
If this hymn is not in the hymn book use as a substitute "Forward! Be Our Watchword", 605.

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us peace, now and evermore. AMEN.

SUGGESTIONS

It has been suggested that the use of tall tapers in the front of the room will aid greatly in creating the right atmosphere of worship. The room should be dimly lighted, perhaps by candles only, as the young people gather for the service. More light will be needed when the service begins.

Place in the front of the room a large picture of the head of Christ and underneath in single lettering the words:

“Ye Shall Be My Witnesses”

In order that the idea of a *world* day of prayer service may be sensed from the very entrance into the room, have girls of different nationalities or girls dressed in costumes of different nations as ushers. Also arrange artistically flags of many nations.

Should it be decided to make an offering, have the Leader describe briefly the projects or list of inter-denominational movements of which the Inter-Board Committee approves, and to which the collections from the Day of Prayer in Canada go:

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4. The Canadian School of Missions—This is a co-operative school established by the Mission Boards of Canada for the effective training of candidates and missionaries for world service.
5. The Interdenominational Mission to Lepers.
6. “The Kingdom of God Campaign in Japan.”

The offering might be taken up by girls dressed in the costumes of the various countries and given into the hands of those representing the six different projects.

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“No voice of prayer to Thee can rise,
But swift as light Thy love replies;
Not always what we ask, indeed,
But, O most Kind! what most we need.”

Prayer

O FATHER Almighty, Thou Who hast implanted in our hearts the desire to pray, enable us to come into Thy presence with faith that our prayers will be heard, for Thou hast promised that whatsoever we ask according to Thy will and in Thy name, Thou wilt grant it. We thank Thee for Thy continued goodness to us, for the love and care of home, the joy of friendship and the great gift of happiness and strength. We praise Thee for all those who by their example and encouragement have helped us on our way and for every vision of Thyself that has come to us in our service and the sacrament of prayer. Pour out Thy spirit on Thy servants who on the World Day of Prayer seek Thy face and invoke Thy blessing. May we prove faithful to the great work to which Thou hast called us. Bless our missionaries at home and overseas. May those who have just reached their field be kept in health and strength. In all times of difficulty be Thou their counsellor and in the days of loneliness and discouragement, their exceeding great reward. Give them a vision of the greatness of service, and crown their labors with success. Help us to realize that they are doing our work, and may we not fail in meeting our estimates and in supporting them by our gifts and prayers. Remember our Field Secretaries, keep them in all their way and grant to us all the sense of Thy nearness and willingness to help us. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

MISSION BANDS

February Programme

Hymn.—"Joy to the World" (165).

Scripture Lesson.—Luke 1: 59-80.

Prayer.—For India.

Hymn.—"From Greenland's Icy Mountains" (376).

(Part song or third verse as a solo, the rest in unison.)

Minutes, etc.

Address or Story.

Offering and Prayer.—Dear Father

We thank Thee for Thy care
From morning until night,
Bless our gifts for others
And help us to do right. Amen.

Hymn.—“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” (763).

GIRLS IN INDIA REPLY TO GIRLS IN CANADA

Gwalior Mission School, Jhansi, India.

My dear friend Isobel—

PLEASE accept the love and greetings of your friend Surji. Through the kindness and mercy of God I am well and pray this prayer for you that you may be the same. I received your loving letter and was glad when I read it. Now I know what your country is like. It is very cold here and so there is a great deal of colds. The leaves of the trees are turning yellow also.

Our school is from eight o'clock until twelve. There are sixteen girls in my class. We tried our Sunday School Bible examinations and I am glad to say that I passed. Now our other exams. are ahead of us, I am praying to God that I may be successful in them too. Our school is very good and is very high also and whoever sees our school praises it. There is a dog and a cat in our school. We play with the dog and his name is Puppy, but the cat is very cross therefore we don't play with it. We play many games such as ball and many kinds of games. There is a garden near our school with many vegetables in it, and we eat the vegetables.

The matron and the other girls send greetings to you. Now I close. Pardon my mistakes.

I send greetings with great love.

The writer is your friend, Surji.

My dear friend Mary—

HOW are you? I am very well. There is much cold here. Our school is run in a very good manner and we live in the school. There is a garden near the school and a play ground. Our teacher teaches us all subjects. There is both a boys' and girls' school. Our matron is very good to us. There is a cat and a dog, whose names are kitty and puppy.

We play a great many games on top of the tanks. There are many girls here. At Christmas we had St. Agnes drama and it was very good. We went for a picnic to the dam and played very much. There is

electric lights in our boarding school. Our matron and our Miss Sahib and all the girls send greetings. And I send more.

With love I close this letter.

The writer is your friend, Suniya.

My dear friend Jessie—

MY greetings to you. May it be known to you that I am very well and hope that through the mercy of God you also are well.

My dear friend, we live in a beautiful school and in front of our school there is a garden. Our matron is very good. For Christmas we had a play. A great many people came and it was very good. We went for a picnic and played very much, then returned in a motor. Our matron and our principal send greetings to you. It is very cold here and in the hot weather it is very hot. We play hide and seek, hide the ball, and ball.

Now I send loving greetings to you. I close with love.

The writer is your friend, Millie.

My dear friend Doris—

TO you my loving greetings. May it be known to you that I am very well here and hope that you are also. I wish to tell you about things here. Our school is run very well and is a very good school. There are electric lights in the school. There is a garden and two tanks. There is a cat and a dog and we play with the dog. It is cold here these days. We play hide and seek, steal the wedges and there are many girls. When you play on the snow do send a picture that we may see what it is like. Our matron is very good to us. Our Miss Sahiba took us on a picnic. We play a great deal.

At Christmas we had a drama called St. Agnes and many people came. The Christmas and New Year's holidays were spent in a good manner. It was very kind of you that you wrote a letter to a poor girl like me, and I am very grateful. There are many girls here. Our matron and all the girls send greetings. I send my love.

The writer is your friend, Rudiya Sumar.

Miss Ross, Fort McMurray, Appreciates Mission Band Gifts

It is the busy season for me receiving and unfastening beautiful parcels. Should I say busy? when I see with what deftness they are done up. I try to picture the little children of the Mission Bands at their meetings sending such messages of love to those little children up here. I never can find words enough to express the gratitude due them.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. D. S. MACKENZIE, 8809, 112TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

MISS ETTA McLEOD was elected President of the Young Women's Missionary Society of First Church, Edmonton, and Miss Ada Wilkie who has been President for a number of years, was made Honorary President at the December meeting. This Society has decided to help with the Sunday School work in the Grande Prairie district, and members packed hampers of Christmas cheer for needy families in the city.

Mrs. A. Robertson of the Vegreville School Homes writes: "We had a splendid meeting of our W.M.S. in December and elected our officers for 1931. We presented Miss McPherson, Superintendent of the 'Rolland M. Boswell' Hospital, with a Life Membership certificate. This week we are having our Christmas tree and party, to which all the pupils are looking forward with delight. The mumps are on the road to recovery."

With its allocation fully met, 500 visits made on strangers and on the sick during the year, and with gratifying reports from all the Secretaries, the W.M.S. of First Church, Edmonton, has completed another successful year's work. Mrs. R. H. Christie retires as President after three years of very active work. Mrs. James Wilson is President for 1931.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY

WESTMINSTER P.S. Executive held their last meeting for 1930 in Central Church, on November 28th. The President, Mrs. R. M. Thomson, presided. Interesting reports were given by the various Secretaries. Mrs. Thos. Oswald was appointed Recording Secretary for the rest of the year as Miss S. White was compelled to resign on account of ill health. The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14th.

The annual meeting of Fairview Auxiliary was held December 4th, with Mrs. Thos. Wilson in the chair. All reports were very encouraging. Rev. Walter Ellis led the devotional exercises.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Chinese Church met on December 18th. After the meeting the Christmas closing of the kindergarten was held. Needless to say the little ones had a happy time.

On November 22nd, the "Ephraim Scott" Mission Band, Fairview Church, celebrated their fifth birthday. A delightful afternoon was spent, the girls and boys entertained their friends with a short programme, then the birthday cake was brought in and tea served.

The annual meeting of the Y.W.A. of Mount Pleasant Church was

held at the home of Mrs. W. D. McLean, December 15th, with the President, Miss P. MacDonald, in the chair. Annual reports were read and Mrs. H. Urquhart was appointed President.

The annual meeting of the Junior Guild was also held at the above address on the same date, the President, Miss Beth McMillan in the chair. Annual reports were read and the following officers elected—President, Miss Beth McMillan; Secretary, Miss P. MacDonald; Treasurer, Miss May McMillan. Members had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Fowler, wife of Rev. F. J. Fowler, who was lately been inducted as minister of the Church.

MANITOBA

MRS. W. F. HOGARTH, 118 N. JOHN ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SEC.

WINNIPEG P.S.—St. James Church Thank-offering meeting was largely attended and a good collection taken. Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, deaconess at East Selkirk, gave an inspiring address on the work in her field. Both the Mission Band and the Girls' Guild contributed to the programme.

Miss Jean McGregor, Girls' Work Secretary, gave a very fine and inspiring address to the "Unedus Girls" Guild in St. James Church, which was much appreciated. The Provincial President, Mrs. Robson, and the Young Women's Secretary, Mrs. Neville, were also present.

The W.M.S. of St. John's Church held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. J. Dick, Mrs. Flook, the President, presiding. An address was given by Mrs. J. S. Hutchison on "Service." Mrs. J. Stanley Flook tendered her resignation which was regretfully accepted. Mrs. J. Mackie Niven was appointed President.

It was with real regret that the young people, throughout the Presbyterian said good-bye to Miss Jean MacGregor, newly appointed Girls' Work Secretary. She not alone created a spirit of enthusiasm and inspiration among the leaders, but the girls just loved her. It seems the only way in which to express it. Miss MacGregor was kept busy, as she not only visited and addressed meetings in the city, but made a special feature of the outlying districts; here, too, they have only the highest appreciation of her valuable help. It is to be hoped that this consecrated and talented young woman will visit Manitoba soon again. A delightful banquet was tendered Miss MacGregor prior to her departure. This was held in First Church under the auspices of the Sunday School Board and W.M.S.

Superior P.S.—The annual meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Fort William, was held December 18th. The President, Mrs. Wilson, presided. Mrs. K. McKay gave an interesting and instructive Christmas message with reference to the prophecy of Micah regarding the coming of Christ. Reports for the year were very encouraging. Mrs. Blain was elected President for 1931.

Mrs. Goforth addressed Superior Presbyterial, December 29th, on the work in Manchuria. She was listened to with great interest and Fort William felt honored with her visit.

"Sunbeam" Mission Band, Fort William, had their regular meeting with 35 members present. The President, Mrs. Hunter, gave the children a very interesting talk, after which the usual work was done. The day before Christmas the President and her assistant, Mrs. Walker, gave the little folks an enjoyable afternoon Christmas party in the Sunday School hall.

The "McKay" Mission Band, Port Arthur, held their December meeting in First Church. Miss Olive Wood was elected President. After the meeting there was a musical programme, the annual address was given by Rev. J. A. McMahon.

The "Janet E. Smellie" Band held their meeting in the Church. Tom Murray was elected President. At the close, dinner was served to the boys, twenty-five being present.

The annual meeting of the First Church P. A. was held December 30th. Mrs. S. J. McCutcheon, President, in the chair. Reports showed progress. The visiting committee reported 342 calls and 65 hospital visits. The Home Helper Secretary reported \$80.13 for the year. An interesting Bible reading was given by Mrs. Hamilton Plunket.

ONTARIO

MRS. D. MASON McLENNAN, 167 ROEHAMPTON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SEC.

Provincial Annual Meeting

THE Annual Meeting of the Ontario Provincial Society will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, on April 21st, 22nd and 23rd. The Convener of the Billeting Committee is Mrs. H. Ingold, 1617 Victoria Ave., Windsor.

Addition to By-Laws

In pursuance of the notice of motion given by the Ontario Provincial Society, the following is the wording of the addition to their by-laws:

Literature Secretary.—"The Literature Secretary shall endeavor to have a Secretary appointed for this department, in each Presbyterial, and shall give to these Secretaries necessary information for carrying on the work, and shall learn what is being done to promote activity among Auxiliaries.

She shall provide a supply of missionary literature for the meetings of the Board of Management and the Provincial Annual Meeting, for the display and sale of which she shall be responsible."

Deputation Secretary.—"The Deputation Secretary shall receive all applications from Presbyterial Corresponding Secretaries, for special

speakers for Presbyterial or Auxiliary meetings, and shall arrange with them all deputation work of Missionaries, Field Secretaries and other speakers."

Barrie P.S.—Collingwood Y.W.A. have had a successful year in every way. At their closing meeting Miss Clara McDermid described the Passion Play as presented at Oberammergau.

Penetanguishene Auxiliary members and Home Helpers made their past President, Mrs. McBride, the recipient of a silver basket of flowers and an address as a farewell tribute.

Huron P.S.—At the Thank-offering meeting of Calvin Church Auxiliary, Exeter, Mrs. George Mackay spoke on work in Formosa. Invitations to this meeting were extended to the various missionary organizations in the town, and there was a large attendance, with a generous offering. Musical numbers were given by the girls of the Mission Band.

Toronto P.S.—The Glenview Girls' Auxiliary entertained eighty-five children of the primary department of Evangel Hall on December 22nd. A concert was given by the children after supper, and each child received a gift from the tree, as well as a Christmas stocking.

Entered into Rest

CARTER.—At Chesley, on September 6th, Mrs. H. R. Carter, Honorary President of Geneva Church Auxiliary, Chesley, and a Life Member of the W.M.S.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 108 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

Christmas at the Montreal Kindergarten

GAY new dresses, shining black eyes, suppressed excitement, and all else that goes to make up the environment of the "Christmas Tree" were in evidence at the Chinese Christian Institute, Montreal, on the afternoon of December 18th. Long before the appointed hour, the children began to gather with their mothers, brothers and sisters, until an audience of twenty Chinese mothers and about seventy children, with a number of Canadian friends, had assembled for the Christmas exercises.

Dr. Potter presided and welcomed the guests. A very sweet welcome was also given, in concert, by the twenty-six kindergarten children. The weeks of patient training on the part of Mrs. Herman, Miss Jue, and Rev. Mr. Tang, was evidenced in the excellent programme of kindergarten selections, recitations, dialogues, Scripture recitation and Christmas hymns rendered by the little ones.

One interesting number was a kindergarten song, in Mandarin, by Phoenix and Leonard Kiang, the children of Professor Kiang of McGill

University, whose mother accompanied them on the piano. The only solo was Luther's cradle hymn. This was sung by Master Douglas Lee, the little son of Mrs. James Lee, whose singing has been a feature of so many of the Chinese Mission Conventions.

Two older groups also contributed to the programme. A Christmas hymn was very sweetly rendered by the Graduates Club. The members of this Club are boys and girls who have graduated from the kindergarten into the public school, and it is under the leadership of Miss Elsie Johnston. The other item was a beautiful Christmas hymn by a group of girls from the Chinese Church, under the leadership of Mrs. MacDonald.

Greetings from the Presbytery were brought by Rev. A. S. Reid. Miss Dickson then addressed the children in Chinese.

At the close of the programme, the jingling of bells announced the coming of Santa Claus, with his well filled bag, and all eyes turned to the tall, beautiful, Christmas tree laden with gifts. The mothers shared in these also, each receiving a pretty quilt, which was much appreciated.

Refreshments supplied through the kindness of the Presbyterial Executive, brought the happy afternoon to a close, and the sight of the beaming faces of both mothers and children, amply repaid the kind donors for all their loving thoughts for the little ones and their families.

Nor were the teachers forgotten, as was evidenced by the armful of gifts handed to each of them by Santa Claus.

The School staff are deeply grateful to the Montreal Presbyterial for the generous provision which made the beautiful and bountiful tree possible. The exquisite knitted garments, scarfs, and mittens, the beautifully dressed dolls, the gay bags of candy, and all the other carefully fashioned and wrapped gifts were a tangible token of the interest of the young people in the missionary work of the Church.

Their thanks are tendered also, through Miss Capron, Paris, Ontario, to the group of girls who sent the generous donation of picture books, dolls and handkerchiefs each carefully wrapped and labelled for the children and their teachers, and, through Mrs. Gollan, for a like gift from Kingston.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEachern, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

MOOSE JAW P.S.—The attendance and givings at the Thank-offering of St. Andrew's Church W.M.S., were both very satisfactory. Rev. W. B. Mitchell, the pastor, gave an interesting and inspiring address, on "Weapons and Women".

Regina P.S.—The annual meeting of First Church W.M.S. took place December 17th, when the officers for 1931 were elected and the reports

for 1930 received. The programme consisted of Bible readings and hymns appropriate to the Christmas season.

The sub-executive of the Presbyterian met at the home of the President, Mrs. Sinclair. Final arrangements were made for the annual meeting to be held in First Church, Regina, January 15th.

The Regina members of the Provincial Board met at the home of Mrs. G. D. Ralston, December 15th. Miss Lamont reported on her itinerary to date in this province.

Knox W.M.S. held their annual Thank-offering meeting December 10th. Rev. Mr. Brant presided. Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, was the principal speaker. An appropriate programme was arranged for the occasion.

Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—The Thank-offering meeting of the "James Nesbitt" Auxiliary, Prince Albert, was well attended and all listened with interest to the helpful address given by Mrs. A. Walker, Tisdale.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, held its Thank-offering meeting in December. Mrs. James McGregor presided. Reports from different Secretaries were read and favorably received. The election of officers resulted in some changes for 1931.

The annual meeting of the Presbyterian will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, January 21st and 22nd.

Life Members

Ontario Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—Mrs. T. Eckford, Miss A. McDiarmid, Scotland Aux.; Mrs. J. Campbell, Mrs. D. A. Condie, Westminster Aux., Smith's Falls; Mrs. S. G. Lowry, Almonte Aux. **Maitland P.S.**—Mrs. D. MacLennan, Ashfield Aux. **Orangeville P.S.**—Mrs. (Rev.) J. H. Douglas, Knox Aux., Caledon East. **Ottawa P.S.**—Mrs. M. Strachan, Gordon Aux., St. Andrew's Ch., Ottawa; Mrs. R. Howard, Mrs. G. Scott, Miss M. Allan, St. Andrew's Ch. Aux., Ottawa. **Paris P.S.**—Mrs. Gilfillan Thompson, Knox Ch. Aux., Woodstock; Janet M. McNaughton, Mrs. Alex MacKenzie, Miss Agnes Currie, St. Paul's Aux., Ingersoll; Mrs. Lillian Husband, Central Aux., Brantford; Miss J. Bolton, "Morning Star" M.B., Woodstock; Miss Dickson, Thamesford Aux. **Peterborough P.S.**—Mrs. M. J. Mulholland, Mrs. E. Peacock, Mrs. Donald McMillan, St. Paul's Aux., Port Hope; Mrs. J. A. Armstrong, Warkworth Aux.; Mrs. James McFarlane, Keene Aux.; Mrs. A. T. Wait, Vernonville Aux.; Mrs. W. G. Davis, St. Paul's Aux., Peterborough. **London P.S.**—Miss Mary McClure, St. James Aux., Kintore; Mrs. Harvey Wrightman, Mrs. David Hunter, Miss Flora MacPherson, Knox Aux., St. Thomas; Annie Mabel Crawford, Y.W.Aux., North Caradoc; Miss Ella Shipley, Ailsa Craig Aux.; Mrs. George Innes, Glencoe Aux.; Mrs. Mary Chivers, Mrs. John McNabb, Mrs. Nancy McCallum, Miss Louise Campbell, Knox Ch. Aux., Belmont; Mrs. Arthur Arnum, Alma St. Ch. Aux., St. Thomas; Mrs.

Robert Lake, Hamilton Road Aux., London; Mrs. Joe McLeod, St. Georges Aux., London. **Saugeen P.S.**—Mrs. G. Banks, Y. W. Aux., Arthur. **Sarnia P.S.**—Miss M. K. Ewart, St. Andrew's Ch. Aux., Sarnia. **Toronto P.S.**—Mrs. Margaret McLroy, Ann Reid Aux., Royce Ave. Ch., Toronto; Mrs. Walter Sinclair, Morningside Ch. Aux., Toronto; Mrs. Marion Graham, Richmond Hill Aux.; Mrs. John Hunter, Norval Aux.; Mrs. Charles Phillip, Chalmers Ch. Aux., Toronto; Mrs. Robt. Duff, Burns Ch. Aux., Myrtle; Mrs. W. J. Geron, Stouffville Aux.; Mrs. John R. Campbell, Thornhill Aux.; Mrs. Chas. H. Snider, St. Andrew's Ch. Aux., Maple; Mrs. James Brown, Woodbridge Aux.; Mrs. J. W. Gordon, Dovecourt Rd. Aux., Toronto; Mrs. Greives, Lansing Aux.; Mrs. T. Lamond, "Janet Geggie" Aux., Parkdale Ch., Toronto; Rev. Leslie Maclean, Glebe Ch. Aux., Toronto; Mrs. Leslie Maclean, Y.W.Aux., Glebe Ch., Toronto; Miss Anderson, Mrs. David Mowatt, Riverdale Ch. Aux., Toronto; Mrs. T. P. Geggie, Sloan Aux., Parkdale Ch., Toronto; Miss Hettie Bradley, Mrs. F. Denis, Patterson Aux., Cooke's Ch., Toronto; Mrs. James Heslip, Lansing-Willowdale Ch. Aux., Toronto; Miss Hazel M. Macdonald, Miss Ida Moffatt, Miss Christine B. Lithgow, Miss Elizabeth Brannan, Calvin Ch. Aux., Toronto; Charlotte Spedding, "Coral" M.B., Parkdale Ch., Toronto; Mrs. Forrest, Dufferin Ch. Aux., Toronto; Mrs. Agnes Catherine Mustard, Oakwood Ch. Aux., Toronto. **Temiskaming P.S.**—Mrs. Tripp, New Liskeard Aux.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Alberta

Calgary P.S.—"Girls of the Burning Bush" Y.W. Associate Society, Grace Church, Calgary; Y.W. Associate Society, St. John's Church Medicine Hat.

Manitoba

Winnipeg P.S.—Y.W. Aux., St. John's Ch., Winnipeg.

Ontario

Guelph P.S.—"Ellen Anderson" Y.W. Aux., St. Andrew's Ch., Hespeler.

Hamilton P.S.—Y.W. Missionary Group, St. Paul's Ch., Hamilton; "Goforth" Y.W. Aux., Chalmers Ch., Hamilton.

Toronto P.S.—"Busy Bees" Junior Aux., Richmond Hill; "The Eight Plus" Junior Associate Society, Glenview Ch., Toronto.

Form of Bequest

I give, devise and bequeath to the Board of Trustees of the WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (that is the continuing Presbyterian Church not merged in or associated with the United Church of Canada) in trust for the work of the said WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., the sum of to be paid out of my estate, without any deduction whatever, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of the said WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, W.D., for the said sum shall constitute and be a sufficient discharge thereof.

W.M.S. Estimates for 1931

NATIONAL MISSIONS

HOSPITALS

South Porcupine, Ont.—

Superintendent's salary	\$1,200.00	
Two Nurses	1,800.00	
Insurance	202.00	
Relief Nurse	225.00	
Rent of Nurses' Home.....	420.00	
		\$3,847.00

Fort McMurray, Alta.

Superintendent's salary	\$1,180.00	
Maintenance	600.00	
Nurse	300.00	
		\$2,080.00

"Hugh Waddell Memorial" Hospital, Canora, Sask.—

Superintendent's salary	\$1,267.00	
Five Nurses' salary.....	4,550.00	
Insurance	305.00	
Steam Boiler	300.00	
Re-decorating wards	200.00	
		\$6,622.00

"Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.

Superintendent's salary	\$1,200.00	
Three Nurses' salary	2,750.00	
Repairs	250.00	
Insurance	137.50	
Relief Nurses	300.00	
		\$4,637.50

General Contingency	1,120.00	
		\$18,306.50

ORIENTALS IN CANADA

Montreal—

Miss Agnes I. Dickson, salary.....	\$1,000.00	
Miss Agnes I. Dickson, expense and room rent	480.00	
Travelling and substitute.....	210.00	
Miss Hattie Jue, salary.....	770.00	
Mrs. J. Herman, salary (part time).....	420.00	
Caretaker	30.00	
Equipment and supplies.....	30.00	
Rent of Y.M.C.I.....	175.00	
		\$3,115.00

Brockville—

Miss H. W. Davies, Honorarium and expense.....	\$250.00	
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Toronto—

Miss Lavina Dickman, salary.....	\$ 840.00
Expenses	300.00
Rent of Y.M.C.I.....	300.00
Miss M. Lambert, salary (part time).....	240.00

 \$1,680.00

Less amount received as special gift.....	240.00
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 \$1,440.00
Saskatchewan—

Expenses, Literature	\$55.00
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Vancouver—

Miss Sibyl Crawford, salary.....	\$1,002.00
Mrs. Louie, salary	720.00
Supplies and expenses for two workers.....	170.00

 \$1,892.00
Victoria—

Mrs. Ewen Macqueen, salary.....	\$1,180.00
Miss G. Scott, salary.....	1,060.00
Miss Lily Chan, salary (part time).....	420.00
Equipment and supplies.....	25.00

 \$2,685.00

 \$9,437.00
EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL HOMES**New Liskeard, Ont.—**

Superintendent's salary	\$ 820.00
Taxes	375.00
Insurance	60.00
Fuel allowance	200.00
Repairs	75.00
Furlough supply	120.00

 \$1,650.00
Saskatoon, Sask.—

Superintendent's salary	\$1,300.00
Assistant	732.50
Taxes	650.00
Insurance	25.50
Decorating and care of grounds.....	200.00
Repairs	200.00

 \$3,108.00
Prince Albert, Sask.—

Superintendent's salary	\$ 770.00
Maintenance	660.00
Taxes	200.00
Fuel	300.00
Repairs, painting, etc.....	250.00
House help, salaries.....	360.00
Insurance	247.00

 \$2,787.00

Huntingdon, Que.—

Superintendent's salary	\$ 950.00	
Insurance	37.50	
Fuel	500.00	
Repairs	200.00	
School fees and board.....	300.00	
Isolation room rent.....	50.00	
		\$2,037.50

Vegreville, Alta.—

Superintendent's salary	\$1,250.00	
Assistant	480.00	
Teacher	1,100.00	
Matron of Girls' Home, salary.....	850.00	
Maintenance	3,000.00	
School fees	135.00	
Fuel	700.00	
Taxes	765.00	
Repairs	400.00	
Insurance	195.00	
	\$8,875.00	
Less probable receipts.....	1,500.00	
		\$7,375.00
		\$16,957.50

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS**Birtle, Man.—**

Principal's salary	\$1,600.00	
Matron's salary	884.00	
Senior teacher	770.00	
Junior teacher	770.00	
Assistant matron	550.00	
Assistant matron	550.00	
Laundress	500.00	
Nurse	600.00	
Insurance	389.50	
Probable contingency necessary for opening new school	1,500.00	
		\$8,113.50

Mistawasis, Sask.—

Teacher's salary paid by government.....		
Board of children.....	\$ 250.00	
Maintenance and fuel \$350 and \$250.....	600.00	
Contingency	300.00	
		\$1,150.00

"Cecilia Jeffrey", Kenora, Ont.—

Principal's salary	\$1,500.00	
Matron's salary	700.00	
Nurse	720.00	
Senior teacher, salary.....	770.00	
Intermediate teacher, salary.....	720.00	

Junior teacher, salary.....	720.00	
Sewing matron	500.00	
	\$5,630.00	
Insurance on old school.....	265.50	\$5,895.50
Total for Indian work.....		\$15,159.00
Additional probable per Capita Grant from Department of Indian Affairs.....		\$24,000.00

WELCOME AND WELFARE AND DEACONESS DEPARTMENT

Toronto—

Miss K. Anderson, salary (Jewish work)....	\$ 960.00	
Equipment	25.00	
Miss Mary Murray, hospital visitor.....	1,210.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		\$2,315.00

Hamilton—

Miss M. Allan, salary.....	\$1,060.00	
Expense	120.00	
		\$1,180.00

Montreal—

Miss Mary Hugill, salary.....	\$1,210.00	
Expenses	120.00	
Miss Iris Munro, salary.....	1,060.00	
Expenses	145.00	
Assistant port worker, summer months.....	340.00	
		\$2,875.00

Quebec—

Miss R. R. Scott, Honorarium.....	\$ 300.00	
Expenses	50.00	
Miss L. Macarthur, salary, half year.....	605.00	
Expenses, half year.....	72.50	
Assistant port worker, summer months.....	340.00	
		\$1,367.50

Winnipeg—

Miss Mary Todd, salary.....	\$ 960.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		\$1,080.00

East Selkirk, Man.—

Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, salary.....	\$1,010.00	
Rent of Church Hall.....	60.00	
Fuel	150.00	
Garage rent	36.00	
Miscellaneous car expenses.....	300.00	
		\$1,556.00

Gonor—

Mrs. Mary MacKenzie, salary.....	\$1,300.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		\$1,420.00

Saskatoon—

Miss Helen Ross, salary.....	\$ 960.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		\$1,080.00

Regina—

Miss L. Macarthur, salary, half year.....	\$ 605.00	
Expenses, half year.....	72.50	
		\$ 677.50

Vancouver—

Miss Margaret Grigor, salary.....	\$ 960.00	
Expenses	120.00	
Mrs. J. F. McLean, salary.....	1,010.00	
Expenses, travelling	600.00	
		\$2,690.00

Peace River District, Alta.—

Miss Hazel Macdonald, salary.....	\$ 960.00	
Rent, car expenses, etc.....	360.00	
		\$1,320.00

Grant to Fresh Air Camp..... \$ 200.00

Station and Hostel work, Toronto..... \$ 50.00

Contingency, fares, etc..... \$ 600.00

\$18,411.00

Grants from Board of Missions to be applied to
the Estimates for East Selkirk and the Peace
River District \$1,040.00

\$17,371.00

Expansion

Deaconess \$ 720.00

\$18,091.00

SUPPLIES

Departmental expenses \$2,250.00

Total for National Missions..... \$80,201.00

OVERSEAS MISSION WORK**INDIA****Bhil Field****Salaries—**

Miss Bertha Robson	\$1,000.00	
Miss Christine Maxwell	900.00	
Miss Isabel McConnell	800.00	
Miss Marion Williamson	800.00	
Miss Ellen I. Douglas	650.00	
Miss Mildred E. Soutar	650.00	
		\$4,800.00

Evangelistic \$ 550.00

Educational 4,322.00

Medical 2,784.00

Miscellaneous	1,050.00	
Vacation allowance	450.00	
Furlough, Miss Maxwell	600.00	
Language study	240.00	\$9,996.00
		\$14,796.00

Gwalior**Salaries—**

Miss Irene Stringer	\$ 834.00	
Miss Annie Lee Whatling	834.00	
Miss Lily A. Simpson	800.00	
Miss Catherine Moodie	650.00	
		\$3,118.00

Educational	\$2,926.00	
Evangelistic	1,150.00	
Language Study	240.00	
Medical	800.00	
Vacation allowance	300.00	
Furlough, Misses Whatling and Stringer.....	1,200.00	
Furnishings for bungalow (balance).....	200.00	
Miscellaneous	441.00	\$7,257.00
		\$10,375.00

FORMOSA**Salaries—**

Miss Mabel G. Clazie	\$1,000.00	
Miss A. Senior	900.00	
Miss Alma Burdick	800.00	
Miss Ada Adams	800.00	
Miss Dorothy Douglas	800.00	
Miss M. Ramsay	800.00	
Miss E. Chisholm	780.00	
Mrs. Bella Koa	650.00	
		\$6,530.00

Evangelistic—

Bible women	\$ 600.00	
Travel on field	400.00	
		\$1,000.00

Educational—

Girls' School, maintenance	\$4,000.00	
Women's School, maintenance	400.00	
Kindergarten, maintenance	800.00	
		\$5,200.00

Medical		\$1,000.00
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Miscellaneous—

Language teacher	\$ 800.00	
Postage and stationery.....	25.00	
Maintenance of W.M.S. property.....	1,500.00	
Taxes	300.00	
Miss Clazie to Canada.....	500.00	
Six vacation allowances	450.00	\$3,575.00
		\$17,305.00

CHINA

Manchuria

Salaries—

Miss Luella Crockett.....	\$ 900.00	
Rent for home and two chapels in Szepingkai....	300.00	
Rent for country work.....	150.00	
Equipment of chapels and native dwellings.....	100.00	
Travel, native workers.....	100.00	
Medical expenses	50.00	
Language teacher	150.00	
Furnishings	100.00	
Three Bible women.....	240.00	
Summer allowance	75.00	
Christian Literature	100.00	
		\$2,265.00

Shanghai

Grant to Christian Literature Society.....	\$ 50.00
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South China

Dr. Jessie MacBean, Canton, salary.....	\$1,000.00	
Grant to Hackett Medical College, Canton.....	1,000.00	
Rent	150.00	
Vacation allowance	75.00	
		\$2,225.00
Miss Ethel Reid, Canton, salary.....	\$1,000.00	
Grant for work.....	1,000.00	
Vacation allowance	75.00	
		\$2,075.00
		\$6,615.00

JAPAN

Tokio

Grant to Dr. Caroline Macdonald.....	\$2,000.00
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Korean Work in Japan

Salaries—

Miss Jean C. McLean.....	\$ 950.00	
Miss Mary E. Anderson.....	800.00	
Language teacher, Miss Anderson.....	360.00	
Bible woman, Miss McLean.....	360.00	
Vacation allowance	150.00	
Field travel	200.00	
Support of Bible women.....	1,500.00	
Support of kindergarten.....	1,000.00	
Share of house rent.....	360.00	
Assistance, students in training for Bible women..	150.00	
		\$5,830.00
		\$7,830.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Salary, principal Girls' School.....	\$1,000.00	
Miss Murray's return to Canada.....	120.00	
Rent	240.00	
		\$1,360.00

Miss Cropper, salary.....	\$ 400.00	
Travel on field.....	120.00	
Rent (part)	150.00	
Vacation allowance	75.00	
		\$ 745.00
Medical contingency		\$ 25.00
		\$2,130.00
Total for General Work Overseas Missions.....		\$59,051.00

EXPANSION FOR INDIA

Garage for Miss I. McConnell.....	\$ 150.00	
Building Hostel, Gwalior.....	5,000.00	
Women's Medical College at Ludhiana.....	50.00	
St. Christopher Training School, Madras.....	100.00	
	\$5,300.00	
Less amount provided by legacies.....	\$5,150.00	\$ 150.00
Total for Overseas Missions.....		\$59,201.00

NEW MISSIONARIES

Evangelist for Manchuria, Music teacher, Principal for Girls' School, Second teacher for Girls' School, Kindergarten Evangelist, Nurse for Formosa, salaries, travel and expenses and training course, and teacher for British Guiana.....	\$7,400.00
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PUBLICATIONS

Literature and "Glad Tidings"

Salaries	\$5,900.00	
Office rent (part).....	1,472.00	
New Publications	500.00	
Annual Reports, printing and mailing.....	1,500.00	
Departmental tabulated forms.....	215.00	
		\$9,587.00

ORGANIZATION

Field Secretaries	\$2,600.00	
Travelling expenses	1,200.00	
Girls' Work Secretary (part time).....	900.00	
Travel and other expenses.....	500.00	
Presbyterian Girls' Camps.....	200.00	
Deputation work contingency.....	500.00	
	\$5,900.00	
Travelling expenses, Presbyterian Executives.....	\$ 745.00	
		\$6,645.00

STUDENT

Departmental expenses	\$1,100.00	
Education of Chinese student.....	500.00	
		\$1,600.00

CANDIDATES

Departmental expenses	\$ 700.00	
		\$ 700.00

LANTERN SLIDES

Boxes, slides, prints, express, etc.....		\$ 150.00
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LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Departmental expenses	\$ 400.00	
Grant to Hungarian Literature.....	120.00	
Grant to Chinese Literature.....	20.00	
Bibles for New Missionaries.....	50.00	
		\$ 590.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Exchange	\$4,000.00	
Interdenomination Christian Literature.....	300.00	
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Church Extension	1,000.00	
Pensions W.M.S. workers.....	2,250.00	
Council Executive meeting.....	7,000.00	
		\$16,400.00

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries	\$3,804.00	
Rent	1,472.00	
Auditing	250.00	
General expense	1,000.00	
		\$6,526.00

SUMMARY

National Missions	\$80,201.00
Overseas Missions	59,201.00
New Missionaries	7,400.00
Publications	9,587.00
Organization	6,645.00
Student	1,600.00
Candidates	700.00
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Editorial

ARE you a freight car or a locomotive?
Are you just an ordinary member of the Missionary Society or a leader?

In the Woman's Home and Foreign Bulletin in the *Missionary Review of the World*, T. H. P. Sailer says on the subject, "Our principal difficulty in the Church to-day is that we have too many missionary freight cars and too few locomotives. The difference between a freight car and a locomotive is that the former has no motor power of its own. It starts to move only when connected with an engine. When given a shove, it goes along until its momentum is exhausted and then comes to a stop. Locomotives can move, not only themselves, but cars to which they are attached.

We have a lot of people in the Church whose missionary activity is dependent on enthusiasm supplied by other persons. They never generate any enthusiasm of their own, nor arouse it in anyone else. The only way to keep them interested is to get them to missionary meetings sufficiently often.

Some missionary leaders take it for granted that freight cars will always be freight cars, and that the only way to keep them moving is to multiply missionary addresses, to cover the country with touring speakers who will draw and stir the communities they touch.

Without doubt much good may be done by this method, but the policy seems defective. Would it not be better to adopt the aim of manufacturing more locomotives instead of merely imparting to freight cars a momentum which is only temporary? We need missionary spellbinders but we also need people who can help people to help themselves and others."

Mr. Sailer then goes on to describe the purpose of a missionary institute. What he says regarding that applies equally to any Auxiliary or class which sets itself seriously to study missions. We firmly believe that those Auxiliaries which follow this method instead of depending on speakers will find not only temporary stimulus but an ever-growing desire to enlist in expanding service and be the means of helping potential locomotives, or, in other words, those who are able and willing to work and have a capacity for leadership.

HER Majesty, the Empress Dowager of Japan, has shown her interest in Dr. Taylor's work among the lepers in Formosa, in the following gifts and awards: For sufferers from leprosy, one thousand yen; for work among lepers, one thousand yen, this amount, yearly, for at least five years, is to be spent in building the proposed leper colony. Added to this were personal gifts to Dr. Gushue-Taylor, a certificate commending work among leper people and an invitation to Dr. Taylor to appear at Tokyo to receive these gifts and be present at dinner.

Other interesting items from the Formosa minutes of Council are that Miss Douglas has started to study Japanese, and Miss Adams is to begin a training class for kindergarten teachers. The reflex action of kindergarten work is seen in the more friendly attitude of the parents to the Church and in the fact that the children who have been graduated from the kindergarten into the public school still attend the Church Sunday School.

AN event of great interest to our W.M.S. women in general and to our members in Alberta in particular took place on January 26th. On that date Macleod Presbyterial was formed. The women in that district of Southern Alberta are delighted to have a Presbyterial of their own, and with the splendid leaders and officers which they have chosen they should make rapid progress. Before 1925 there were eight Presbyterials in Alberta. The formation of Macleod Presbyterial makes four. Shall we not in our petitions remember especially this new Presbyterial.

THE affection in which Miss Kok, our missionary in Manchuria, is held by her co-laborers and the people among whom she works is evident in the following extract from the Manchuria Mission Council minutes.

"That, in view of the repeated requests by delegations of both the Chinese men and women Christians of Szepeing kai, that Miss Kok reconsider her resignation and, in view of their affection for her as manifested in their offer to raise funds to cable the Home Board, the Mission Council again strongly urges her to rescind her resignation from the Mission Council."

ONE of the most encouraging features in our membership is the increasing number of young women who are coming forward to share in the work, and bringing with them their business and professional talents, interest and influence. This interest on their part has awakened in us the desire to do all in our power to help them and from now on a certain space in the magazine is to be devoted to them, and the page is to be entitled *Young Women*.

DEATH has removed two noted pioneer missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in Canada—Mrs. J. Fraser Campbell, who went to India in 1876, and the Rev. K. J. Grant, D.D., one of our earliest missionaries in Trinidad. To Dr. Campbell and the family of the late Dr. Grant we would extend our deep sympathy in their bereavement.

MRS. R. J. FADY has been appointed a member of our Council Executive to take the place rendered vacant through the resignation of Mrs. W. G. Hanna.

Our 1930 Returns

AS we consider our statement of receipts for 1930, we feel very grateful to our members for the splendid returns, in spite of the fact that financial conditions throughout Canada were far from normal.

Our estimate was \$185,000.00 for 1930. To meet this we received from Provincials \$176,116.82. In addition, we received Individual Subscriptions, legacies, interest, rent, sale of property and refunds, shown in the statement below, amounting to \$13,516.36, making total receipts of \$189,633.18. But of this \$13,516.36 only a small amount can be used to meet estimates, *viz.*, the rent \$150.00, refund \$650.00 and \$2,218.26 of the individual subscriptions. This gives us \$179,135.08 towards the estimate. We spent \$184,534.25, which was less than our estimate, but still considerably over our receipts. Included in the expenditures is \$4,524.42 for the expenses of the Commission re division of property, 1925. This was heavy and will not occur again, but even deducting this amount we are still behind. This is the time when we are thankful to have a Sustaining Fund, which enables us to make up the deficit, but we would draw attention to the fact that we must not continue to draw from this or it will soon be depleted.

Council ordered the Sustaining Fund to be built up to \$50,000.00. This year we have not only not added to it, but we have seriously encroached upon it. Council also ordered the Pension Fund built up till the revenue from it met Pension expenses. In 1929 we added \$2,000.00; in 1930 we were not able to add anything, but were very grateful for a special gift of \$500.00, which was added.

Owing to the promptness with which our Treasurers remitted their money, we never required to borrow from the Sustaining Fund throughout the year.

Do not let us for a moment be discouraged, it is a good statement in face of great odds. Our estimate for 1931 is \$190,000.00. A missionary leader said: "Churches have been thinking too much of running the missionary movement on their surpluses instead of on their sacrifices."

Let us one and all, old and young, try raising this \$190,000.00 on our sacrifices.

Receipts from January 1st to December 31st, 1930

PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Alberta	\$ 5,465.77
British Columbia	6,110.62
Manitoba	5,632.43
Ontario	136,500.00
Quebec	18,633.00
Saskatchewan	3,775.00
	\$176,116.82
Individual	6,218.26
Legacies	2,430.00
Interest	2,528.10
Rent of property at Vegreville	150.00
Sale of Canora School Home	1,540.00
Refund on expenses at Mistawasis	650.00
	13,516.36
	\$189,633.18

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India

From the report of the Simon Commission

“THE many admirably conducted schools and hospitals founded and maintained by Christian missionaries of various nationalities and denominations, some of which we visited during our tours through India, compel a tribute to the splendid services they render. It was the missionaries who were among the pioneers of education for the illiterate; they maintain some of the best medical institutions in the country; and their work among women and children, and for the depressed classes, is of special significance. Not the least admirable feature of their activities is that they have carried on their labors without offending the susceptibilities either of Moslem or Hindu, and have lived at peace and amity with their neighbors.

“The Indian Christians stand high in the table of literacy. More than one in five of them is returned as able to satisfy the test—a remarkable result, considering that so many are drawn from the lowest strata of Hindu society. In English education, the Indian Christians are second only to the Parsis, whose advantages are enormously superior. The achievement is a great one and shows what good work is being done in mission schools.

“The women’s movement in India holds the key of progress, and the results it may achieve are incalculably great. It is not too much to say

that India cannot reach the position to which it aspires in the world until its women play their due part as educated citizens. We may quote a passage (page 151) from the Review of our Auxiliary Committee on Education, which included among its members an Indian lady of distinguished public service. 'The innate intelligence of the Indian woman, her feeling of domestic responsibility, her experience of household management, make her shrewd, penetrating, wise within her own sphere. The social position of the Indian woman needs to be strengthened; for in every country, as power passes more and more from the hands of the few into the hands of the many, more and more is the steadying influence of woman needed as the guardian of family life, not only inside but outside the family circle. In all matters of educational and social reform, the counsel and active work of women are essential both in administration and in public affairs. The education of women, especially in the higher stages, will make available to the country a wealth of capacity that is now largely wasted through lack of opportunity. It is only through education that Indian women will be able to contribute in increasing measure to the culture, the ideals and the activities of the country.'

"We desire here to refer to the unselfish work done among the depressed and backward classes, as well as in other special spheres, by various philanthropic organizations, which have devoted themselves to bringing education in its widest sense to communities to whom it was not otherwise available. Of these, the principal examples are the Christian missions, which were for generations the chief agents of education and still continue to do educational work of inestimable value."

Our South Bhil Mission

THAT we may have full cognizance of our work and workers on the Bhil Field we would call to your mind the following facts:

That the field was first entered upon by Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan who settled in Amkhut, Alirajpur State, in the year 1897.

That the following missionaries are now on the field, having been sent forth by our Church to possess the land in His name.

Name	Station	Arrival on Field
Dr. John Buchanan	Amkhut, C.I.	1897
Mrs. John Buchanan	Amkhut, C.I.	1897
Rev. D. E. McDonald	Jobat, C.I.	November 1911
Mrs. McDonald	Jobat, C.I.	November 1911
Miss B. W. Robson, M.A.	Amkhut, C.I.	November 1912
Rev. C. P. Young, B.A.	Mendha, C.I.	October 1921
Mrs. Young	Mendha, C.I.	October 1921
Miss C. Maxwell	Sardi, C.I.	August 1926
Mr. A. E. Toombs	Barwani, C.I.	October 1927
Mrs. Toombs	Barwani, C.I.	November 1928

Name	Station	Arrived on Field
Miss I. McConnell	Jobat, C.I.	October 1927
Miss M. H. Williamson	Amkhut, C.I.	October 1927
Thomas Draper, Ph. Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	Jobat, C.I.	April 1929
Mrs. Draper	Jobat, C.I.	April 1929
John Howie, M.D., M.A., L.M.C.C.	Amkhut, C.I.	October 1929
Mrs. Howie	Amkhut, C.I.	October 1929
Rev. Clarence L. Wood	Amkhut, C.I.	March 1930
Mrs. Wood	Amkhut, C.I.	March 1930
Miss Ellen Douglas	Amkhut, C.I.	November 1930
Miss Mildred Soutar	Amkhut, C.I.	November 1930

This land in which we are especially interested comprises the whole of the six Native States of Alirajpur, Barwani, Jobat, Jhabua, Chotta-Udaipur, and Kathiwada, together with portions of three others: viz., Gwalior, Dhar, and Indore. These Central Indian States take in the northern aspects of the Vindhya mountains, they also go to form the watershed of the great and sacred river Narbada. Nearly as large as the whole of Wales they collectively comprise an area reaching northwards from the mountains for 100 miles, and 75 miles east to west.

As may be seen from the above list five centres are now occupied by workers from the homelands, whilst our Indian preachers and teachers work in addition in, and from, the stations of Toran Mall, Devli, Alirajpur, Sindanpani, Ahjhera and Chicheniya.

The statistical report compiled from the collective of these eleven centres will tell you, and that only in so far as dead figures can speak of living things, of the progress made in the thirty odd years since our pioneers "blazed the trail."

Organized congregations, 5; unorganized, 2; baptized membership, 670; communicant membership, 222; baptisms during 1929, 58; Sunday Schools in area, 10; teachers, 43; scholars, 421; preachers, 11.

Of these: supported by native Church, 6; by mission funds, 5.

Day schools in area, 6; teachers of same, 19.

Of these: supported by native Church, 12; by mission funds, 7.

Scholars: Amkhut, 140; Chicheniya, 20; Mendha, 17; Sardi, 15; Toran Mall, 8. Hospitals in area, 1; dispensaries in area, 1; Indian doctors, 1; trained assistants, 2; trained dressers, 1; Indian nurses, 4.

May we say: "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed" (Josh. 13:1). No workers in Jhabua, Kathiwada, or Chotta-Udaipur. No workers in those portions of Indore, Gwalior, and Bhag for which we as a mission are responsible. "*How long* are ye so slack to go to possess the land, which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you?" (Josh. 18:13). Well nigh five hundred thousand voices call to us, His ambassadors, "*How long?*"—*South Bhil Mission Report.*

The "M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home"

MISS BERTHA ROBSON

THE most cheerful sight we have seen in a long time is that long line of men, women and children going towards the "M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home".

The rains came on heavily early in June and melted down some of the freshly finished jack-arching so that building work had to stop. October opened fair and we began again with a few workmen but it was only to be shut right down by a week of the heaviest rain of the season.



Joy MacDonald. Behind, to left, are the girls' living quarters; to right, Children's Nursing Home with orange tree in front. Behind the Home is the police station. The buffalo from which they get their milk is seen below the wall.

In the meantime, our old and new missionaries were approaching India and, in order to welcome them with clean faces, we had to turn our attention to the fall out-door house-cleaning. The high grass in the compound had to be cut by hand, the mildew and moss scraped from the walls of church and bungalows, by the same hands before being whitewashed.

At last, the weather is clear and cold. The harvest is finished, all hands are ready for work and Dr. Buchanan has arrived. So has Miss Soutar! The Children's Home will soon be finished now.

Down the hill, ahead of the workmen, even before the sun is up, goes Dr. Buchanan's unicycle. The smoke rises from the chimney of the babies' room. The big Bible class is in the right hands once more. God grant

that now some sheaves may be gathered in from the seed-sowing done when the Home began.

Bible lesson finished, that same familiar figure—though now on two crutches—appears out and in among the arches of the verandah. With a “Hurry up” here, and a “Steady” there, a “Where’s your plumb line?” to a green but aspiring mason, and a word of encouragement to the over-cautious, the work is speeded up.

The flat roof is on the verandah all round, on the little babies’ room at the west and on the small ward for the sick children from the school at the east end. The big room for bigger babies and the big ward for the sick will come next, one at either side of the large room in the centre



West corner, Children's Nursing Home, showing Dr. Buchanan in his unicycle. Nathu, head mason, on roof (see arrow) and workers.

from which Miss Soutar will be able to oversee all that the “little wells” on the one side and the “bigger sicks” on the other side are doing or needing.

In wall cupboards in this room will be stored the linen and blankets and somewhere there, too, will be the dolly* “that goes to sleep”, ready whether sleeping or waking to make the homesick or timid happy and the happy children happier. Cupboards for medicine are to be in that room, also the scales given by Miss Brown in memory of her sister (a nurse who took a great interest in Child Welfare Work), and under the two big front windows, built-in cement boxes to hold surplus bedding during the hot and rainy seasons. They will be covered with tight-fitting wooden lids to serve as window seats.

* This doll was sent by a friend of Miss Gowans.

The two little rooms at the back are the "work rooms"—one for special treatments and the other the missionary's office.

Six mattresses for the baby cots were made last hot season—filled firmly with the silk cotton that grows on the semal trees of our own jungle and fluffy comforters of the same silk cotton. A few larger ones were also made for the beds in the sick ward. The cots have not been purchased yet—indeed we have not found a suitable kind in the catalogues. Those listed are much too expensive. We may have to get them made to order. In the meantime, we can use home-made baskets and bamboo cots, which are made here for one or two rupees (forty to fifty cents). These are hard to keep clean, so we do not count on using them very long.

And the babies! The three little motherless ones that were given us last year slipped away Home. We thought we were too busy to care for them with our own hands and arranged for them to be taken care of by mothers with little babies of their own, and they died. Who knows—perhaps we ought to have taken in the babies, even though the walls of the Home might have gone up more slowly or perhaps not quite so straight. We do hope that no more will come until Miss Soutar has her first examination over and is free to give them the care and love that they cannot thrive without. She will love them from the beginning—she will not be able to help it—and there will be room for twelve such little ones.

The cold season is here and that means colds and malaria patients from among the school children nearly every day. We go to see them and find what looks like a few mounds of coarse dark-gray blanket lying on the mud floor. A tin of drinking water indicates where the head is likely to be found. "Did you get quinine?" is the first question. If it is Singhji, the answer will be an almost inaudible "No", for he hates quinine worse than fever. But if it be one of the obedient or prudent or just an unlucky one who has not escaped the vigilant eye of the matron or house-father, the answer is a dreary "Yes". They do look so sick and uncomfortable! There is room for ten beds in the two wards and we hope there will always be room to take in these poor little, uncomplaining, not seriously sick ones and make them know what it means to be properly cared for in sickness.

Just think of the difference—now a hard floor, a coarse blanket, a tin of water—often too miserable to wash the face and much too miserable to comb the hair, then—a comfortable, clean warm bed in a clean warm room (there is a fireplace in every room), suitable food and best of all, a really truly nurse. You don't suppose that fever will become popular do you? That would be tragic and what of Quinine-parade Day!—that day once a week throughout the malarial season when all the school-children have to take a dose of quinine before dinner.

Then there are the mothers who need to be taught how to take care of their children in health as well as in sickness. There is poor little

unattractive Piter who has had sore eyes for weeks because his mother has to work and doesn't know that he would soon be better if she would just keep them clean instead of depending on the doctor putting medicine in them once a day. Oh yes, I have told her, but simple things like that must be demonstrated to be believed, and Dr. MacKellar's advice will need to be repeated a thousand times before this most infectious disease will be banished—"If you must rub your eye, do it with your elbow."

Another mother, Champa bai, thin and weak but so proud and happy, brought along her five-days' old baby girl to show to us. She had not been long a Christian, Miss MacMurchy will remember her, she was baptized the Sunday she was here. She had walked more than a mile, so she sat down on the verandah to rest and chat for a little while. The other two children were boys and this was the first daughter. One of the little "woolen



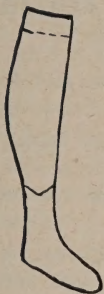
Some of the women who are working on the building and their children (wearing stocking shirts).

stocking-shirts" that are so coveted by mothers here, was produced on the spot and the baby was completely dressed. We always confiscate a few from Santa Claus' pack to keep on hand for such an occasion. Three weeks later she came back with empty arms and such a pitiful face. The baby did not stay with her, she didn't know why. "No, she wasn't sick—she had just died."

Can't you see what a blessing the "M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home" and Miss Soutar are destined to become in this Bhil Jungle? So light-hearted and loveable the Bhils are when they are well and how altogether wretched and helpless when sickness comes.

P.S.—Two parcels from Hawkesbury have just come to-night containing such lovely baby quilts and blankets and stocking shirts, also gay little sweaters. Santa Claus wants them for "now" and Miss Soutar wants them for "then". Which will get them, I wonder.

RECIPE FOR "STOCKING SHIRT"



Take a pair of woolen stockings, worn out feet but good uppers.

Cut off feet, leaving uppers as long as possible, shaping slightly for shoulders and neck.

Cut down the back seams of stockings.

Lay together and sew up shoulders and under-arm seams.

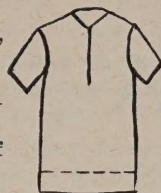
Make little sleeves from unworn parts of ankles or top of foot.

Sew in sleeves.

Cut front open four inches.

Bind or crochet round neck and sleeves with colored wool.

Send to Amkhut for the babies!



Bhils Welcome Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan

MISS ISABEL MCCONNELL

HOW perfectly delightful it was to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan, also Miss Douglas and Miss Soutar. The sight, as we drove into the compound at Amkhut, was well worth seeing. Mrs. McDonald said to Dr. Buchanan, "I would like to know what you are thinking." All he said to her was, "Look!"

"Welcome" was written every place, and to see the variety of color in the sunshine was very attractive indeed. The boys on one side and the girls on the other, formed a bodyguard up to the Buchanan bungalow. The people had all gathered to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan, also the two new missionaries. We had a Mela during the week-end when the Christians had gathered together from all our stations. On the Sunday afternoon Dr. Buchanan wanted the young people to be in charge so Mr. Toombs gave the message, Miss Douglas and Miss Soutar spoke for a few minutes, I sang one of Dr. Buchanan's favorite hymns, "Wonderful Love." I had never seen it in Hindi before but the matron in the hostel produced it for me. It is wonderful to have new workers come out, and to have our veterans back with us.



Dr. Buchanan and Guman Elder,
on board the "City of Venice"

Travelling in the Rainy Season in India

MISS ISABEL MCCONNELL

AS you have not travelled in India during the "rains" you may be interested in reading about my journey out from Jobat.

For weeks before the time for me to go out I had been hoping that the weather would be favorable as I knew the roads were in no condition for a motor, and, as Mr. McDonald had promised to take me out as far as possible, naturally I was hoping for a good day.

Monday came and with it lots of rain. I sent my baggage out on an oxcart and then just prayed that Tuesday would dawn bright and fair. A patient had come to the hospital in an old "shrigram" (buggy driven by oxen) so I asked him if I could borrow this conveyance to take me out to the pukka (good) road; he very kindly consented to let me have it.

Tuesday a.m. it was raining as usual so of course I began to wonder how far the motor could take me. We sent the "shrigram" out at six o'clock in order that it would reach the spot where we thought the motor could go. We started out at eleven and Mr. McDonald took several men along as he thought we might have to be dug out of the mud in spots. The first part of the road was not too bad but when we had gone several miles it seemed as if we were going through ploughed fields. I don't think I have ever seen so much mud in one place, and that is saying something. It seemed as if the motor could not possibly go through these swamps, but it did.

We came to a river and I felt it would be impossible to get across, but that motor went through the river too. Motors do extraordinary things in India and especially in the jungle. We finally came to the spot where our "shrigram" was waiting for us. I must say it was a novelty to me riding in it too. It would not have been such a novelty to some of our senior missionaries because they used to do most of their travelling in oxcarts, however it was a novelty to me. I felt sorry for the oxen as their legs were almost enveloped in mud. It took us two hours to cover two miles and when we came to the Hutni river which divides the two states, Alirajpur and Jobat, we again encountered difficulties. Some people said "Oh yes, you can easily get across", I was not so sure but I was willing to try. We had just started when one of the oxen lay right down in the water. That was enough for me. I decided to get across some other way. There is a bridge in the making across this river so I investigated to see if I could walk across it but it was not possible. I saw some Bhils wading across the river which did not appear to be very deep so I said to the Indian nurse who was with

me "I feel like walking across this river." There were not many people around so I took off my shoes and stockings and waded across.

When we reached the other side of the river Mr. Young was there with his car to drive me to Dohad where I would take the train for Dehra-Dun. I went to Alirajpur with Mr. and Mrs. Young to see some patients who were in purdah and could not see the doctor. I must say I was very glad to be comfortably settled in a very nice first class carriage after my adventures of the day. When the railway official pointed out the carriage to me I said to him "This is a first class carriage", he told me it had been converted into a second for ladies. On my concession ticket which I got for third class rate I travelled first class.

Evangelistic Work at Sardi

MISS CHRISTINE MAXWELL

THE work at Sardi has two main divisions: The giving of the gospel to the non-Christians of the out-lying district, and the teaching ministry which needs constantly to be carried on for the sake of our Christian community. As a general rule we spend our forenoons in giving the gospel, and the afternoons in Bible study classes with our Christians, and teaching those to read and write and do accounts who were baptized as Christians after they were grown and hence cannot very well be educated through the school but must be helped individually.

The gospel seed has been pretty thoroughly sown in the district near Sardi, and we are cheered now to hear of a little harvest, for there are four families, including 11 children, 7 of whom are of school age, from this nearby Sardi district who are asking to be baptized. The teaching of the eight grown ups will be undertaken by hand. Some of them are not too quick at learning their letters after they are grown, having never formed the habit, remember, too, that they speak Bhil and must learn a new language, Hindi, when they learn to read. I have been amazed at the rapid progress of a mother of four children whom we have been teaching recently, from not knowing a letter she became an intelligent, expressive reader of the Bible in Hindi in a few months. She had her home duties, her children, but she also had a mind to learn. She still needs teaching and to stick at it.

In November 3 men evangelists, 3 Bible women, a horseman, and a cook, who also do some witnessing for Jesus, and myself, went out on evangelistic tour. What a lot of new families, new faces we found! Many of them appear so open minded you would think they would be readily won, but satan does not release his grasp easily. We must fight

for their souls through prayer. After Christmas we went into a different section. There were members of three families who were touched by the truth and we are still praying for them. We returned to camp again January 27th, and expect to go even further afield and remain until the heat, probably about the middle of March, will drive us from tent life to the bungalow at Sardi. After that about 29 Christians and myself want to go to Toran Mall for six weeks or so of intensive Bible study.

During the year we studied the books from which the Sunday School lessons were taken—Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Esther, Nehemiah and Ezra, and took examinations on them. For the younger Christians we had one class in Mark, and another one in Acts, and also took examinations.

Our beginnings are small at Sardi, but we believe in the Bhil in spite of all his lying and looting, and believe more in Jesus' power and willingness to save some.

Miss Ellen Douglas, writing of her arrival in Amkhut, gives the following account of a visit she made with Miss Maxwell and Miss Soutar to a Bhil home:—

“During the week of Council, while Miss Maxwell was with us, we went with her to visit one of the Bhil homes. As Miss Maxwell always takes a Bible woman with her on her visits we called for Cassiebai, who quite willingly left her work, brought her baby and came with us.

That day I caught my first glimpse of the inside of a Bhil home. Each family here usually has a home of its own. The home is not large, and from the path outside all we could see was a rather high fence, made of brush and cactus. As we came around the corner of this fence Cassiebai called to see if anyone was at home, and announced who the visitors were. When we received the answer to come in, Cassiebai led the way and we were made welcome by the father of the family who had just brought home his cattle for the night. He brings them home, and for safety they all, goats, cows and buffaloes, come inside the fence and are put in pens very close to the house or hut.

As we entered we saw an old woman lying on a small cot in one of the pens, with several cows watching her. We were welcomed by all the family, as they brought us their beds to sit on, while they all sat around on the ground, keeping a watchful eye on the cows and dogs to see that they didn't come too near us. Miss Maxwell had noticed the sick woman as she went in, and after enquiring, found that she was having an attack of fever. That gave Miss Maxwell an opening, and she read the story of Peter's wife's mother who lay sick of a fever, after which Cassiebai told the story in her own words. She did it very well and even though we could not understand what she said, we could almost see Peter's wife's

mother flying about her work after she had been cured. We did not stay long after that. Miss Maxwell said a few words to the sick woman, and we came away. But we had seen a Bhil home and we had seen that the people are quite eager to hear the stories of Jesus.''

JOBAT HOSPITAL FULL TO OVERFLOWING

MISS ISABEL MCCONNELL

WE have been and are very busy in the hospital. Never has there been such a need for more accommodation. When I returned from Bombay every bed was full, every spare mattress was spread in a corner. One very sick patient came and was not fit to go home so I was reduced to making a bed for her on three pillows. We simply can't turn the people away, yet, on the other hand, it is heartbreaking not to be able to give them a bed when they come. Some of the people said to me, "If you will only give me a blanket I will sleep on the floor." I could only point to the different corners where patients were already lying on mattresses and tell them that "there was not room". The compounder brought one man to me to plead for a place for him. I just looked at the compounder and said, "You get out and make a room for this man right away." The man realized that we could not build rooms in a day!

Pioneering in the Peace River District

MISS HAZEL M. MACDONALD

YOU asked me to tell you if I met a bear. It is not a bear but a ditch that got me on my last trip out. I drove alone to Hythe to meet Mr. Wright, and when I got to the train he said he had to go back to Grande Prairie as a lot of clothes had come in from various points, which he wanted me to have. We sorted old clothes all evening and then I went to the hotel. By the way, they advertise, hot and cold water and bath. Well, the taps were chained and locked with a Yale lock. Anyone wanting a bath must report at the office and pay 75c.

We started early next morning and were making splendid time, when we came to a place where a sign said "steep hill". We went down hill for about a mile and then it started up again, so I speeded up a bit thinking I was on the way up, instead it was a real hairpin curve with a pretty steep bank for about two car lengths and then trees. I slammed on the brakes but we just slid right along on the snow. I couldn't swing the wheel, and I decided it was better to go in headfirst than to go in sideways and perhaps turn over, and the brakes held just as we got to the trees. We had an awful time getting out, but finally managed it by going through a sort of open space in the trees and then joining the road farther on. I was quite relieved to find out that Major J——, the head of the road

work up here, had done the same thing a short time before, only he had to be hauled out.

The Sunday Schools are all going along very nicely. I don't believe I told you about getting out to North Swan Lake. Mr. Hutton, who, by the way, is a graduate of Queen's and was a Presbyterian student doing mission work for some time, went along with me. We drove out a couple of miles, then switched over on the railroad grading, drove along there and crossed some trestles, then parked the car and walked up hill and down for about three miles.

Miss Macdonald then describes the conditions under which so many find themselves, through no fault of their own. We are glad that we have our missionary there to follow our people and bring them the encouragement and help they need.

Of another trip Miss Macdonald says: "Some one applied to the Government for assistance for one family, and Mr. Norman was sent out to investigate, so I went with him. What a road! If you saw it in the east, you would say it wasn't. But Mr. Norman thought it was good compared to some he had been over. That trip was over fifty miles out and back. It was 10 degrees below zero when we arrived at their nearest store and we stopped there to inquire the way and see if they had received groceries supplied by the Government. The car, although left running, got some portion of its anatomy frozen, so we were there for almost an hour. The Government and the police are co-operating with me, and as the police are sent out to investigate cases, it will help a lot if I can go with them instead of driving out by myself.

Where we can help with clothes, we ought to, because the Government can not help unless they are absolutely without covering of any sort. One little youngster at Sunday School had her toes clear through stockings and little canvas shoes. She pulled on another pair of stockings over the shoes when she went out.

I have been asked to go moose hunting, but there is no chance of my going because there isn't any other girl to go along. The other night coming in from Hutton's a great big moose ran across the road right in front of the car. I know I would never get one, but I would love to go out.

Mr. Wright was here in Pouce Coupe over the week-end and he had a very nice service. There was a very good congregation and the majority were Presbyterians. While he was having that service I went up to South Dawson and Dawson. We had pretty good attendance at all the services. We went to Riverside in the afternoon and we were going to start an evening preaching service in Dawson Creek, but I guess the snow and the cold, as well as the fact that it was in a private house, and the house had not been there very long, as it was just moved over from the old town site, all combined to keep the people from coming. It will take a little time to get started there but it will work out.

A good Scotch friend from across the hall brought me his portable typewriter to-day. I had been regretting that in my more prosperous days I hadn't provided myself with a portable, because my mail was swamping me. But I said to some one that I did wish I had one and when he heard about it, brought this one to me. It is a Corona, and works very well, except when I hit the wrong keys.

I had two letters from Evangel Hall, Toronto, and they are going to send me the results of their White Gift Christmas. They think they will have over fifty dollars."

Problems and Opportunities

MRS. A. R. MCMURRICH

"MOVEMENTS at Home and Abroad which Vitally Affect the Foreign Missions Enterprise" was the theme dominating the programme of the 25th Inter-denominational Conference and Annual Meeting of the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America, held in Bronxville, N.Y., January 10th, 11th and 12th. It was also the subject of Dr. Henry T. Hodgkin's two addresses. Dr. Hodgkin described in the world of action, nationalism, communism, and the non-violent non-co-operative movement in India as mighty forces affecting great masses of men and challenging the very heart of the missionary movement to-day, and in the world of thought a commonwealth that linked up all nations and people through their students and thinkers. He asked if our missionaries were prepared to face these new situations with sufficient seriousness, willing to learn as well as to teach, with sympathy towards, and understanding of changed conditions. He wondered if the material success of the present age was deadening our spirituality, if ease had entered into our souls, and reminded us that no missionary enterprise could thrive on its *surplus* rather than its *sacrifice*, and that the way of Jesus was the only way to arrive at any great international conception of the Kingdom of God.

Dr. Bruce Curry chose as the subject of his address "Jesus for the Life of Our Day". He also presided over the retreat and general discussion when about twenty Nationals—these friends from other lands—attended, representing the 4,500 Oriental students in America, the girls wearing the picturesque native dress of Korea, China, Japan and the Philippines and all bringing a vivid message. Rev. B. C. Ishwardes, pastor of one of the largest native churches in Northern India who is taking post-graduate work at Princeton presented the conditions in his country pleading for more missionaries of the right type, and Mr. Charles Hurrey, secretary of the Committee on Friendly Relations among Foreign Students gave the closing address.

A most inspiring talk was given by Mrs. Induk Kim, a young Korean, who had visited 205 colleges in Canada and the United States and found the students as a whole ill-informed of conditions in the Orient and missionary work in general, but in each campus a minority group interested in human needs. She related her own terrible experiences in a Japanese prison, where she would have lost her reason had it not been for the miraculous gift of a Bible. She also emphasized the urgency of sending only those missionaries who had a definite message, "If you have Jesus, take Him, if not, stay away."

Miss Margaret E. Hodge acted as President in the absence of Mrs. F. T. Johnson. Mrs. Howard Dayne Smith was elected President for the ensuing year.

There were 288 delegates in attendance at the 38th Foreign Missions Conference, representing 55 Boards and 10 Societies. The programme was planned so that a large part of the time might be given to discussion of the situation that faces the missionary enterprise to-day. Dr. Oldham, distinguished Secretary of the International Missionary Council, who conducted the devotions at the opening meeting, prayed for a renewal of faith, hope and love,—guidance step by step that the necessary material resources might be provided—and for revolutionary changes in our own lives that we might always uphold the living Christ. Dr. Mott presided over the discussions following the reports of the Committee of Reference and Counsel and the International Missionary Council, and Dr. Allen H. Clark, author of "The Clash of Colour" and "India on the March", Dr. Arnup, of Toronto, Dr. Joseph Beech, of China, Mr. Edwards, of India, were among the many who spoke of situations on the mission fields and how to meet them. Dr. Macdonnell of Portuguese Africa asked if the soul of the Church at home was growing in proportion to the sending out of deputations and fact-finding commissions and reminded us that self-sacrifice would solve more problems than elaborate organization. Mr. Merle Davis, secretary of new missionary committee in connection with the social section of the League of Nations in Geneva spoke of the remarkable interest in foreign missions and how Governments are looking to Christian forces to help with the enforcement of laws and said there were 27,000 Protestant missionaries at work whose ability should be mobilized for the sake of the whole cause. Mr. Jesse Wilson considered one very encouraging feature of Student Volunteer work is that the student of to-day is far more impressible and idealistic than those who came immediately after the war, and stated that the Boards of the United States and Canada were expecting to send out 788 new missionaries this year.

Two sessions were devoted to matters pertaining to these Boards and their problems and Dr. William P. Schell led the discussion of such subjects as,—How to keep the spiritual note dominant, how to stimulate

pastors to a more zealous support of missionary causes, how to overcome the devitalizing effect of budget systems and how to relate money powers to missions.

"This old world seems to be broken up into plastic material," said Dr. Robert Speer, and opportunities were never so great as they are to-day—world condition should drive us to our knees in prayer.

Dr. Oldham reminded us that we are dedicated to the welfare of all humanity and that there is a larger world that lies beyond our missionary activities. The task has grown to such proportions and there is such an immense need of strengthening and re-enforcement that it has grown beyond the range of Boards and should be the concern of the whole Christian Church. Dr. Fletcher Brockman in his closing address said that he had never attended a conference that reiterated the same note of hopefulness and encouragement—that the missionary movement was no longer a thing apart but in line with the whole world's thought, upholding the highest ideals the world had ever known. Our belief is that God has a purpose and a plan which Jesus interpreted for us. Human effort may seem futile and ineffectual, hindered by our mistakes and failures, but in so far as we recognize and try to carry out the Divine plan we are bound to win out, we cannot fail!

"Expect great things *from* God, do great things *for* God!"

Books Old and New

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

EASTER is in the air, and the joybells of spring will no doubt be ringing in the hearts of all the children. For the special meetings in church or auxiliary we have a splendid collection of Easter Recitation books. Order early.

Then, too, the Young Women's Auxiliaries are becoming interested in the Deaconess, Welcome and Welfare department of Canada, and in special studies in India and other fields abroad. Literature suggested by our Field Secretaries for this work is being stocked, and we would especially draw the attention of our young women to it.

And now a word of thanks to all the Literature Secretaries. Reports show that increases in sales were made in all the provinces. It has been most inspiring to your Secretary of Publications to have had this wonderful co-operation. The Literature Department is the main source from which we may draw information and study helps to spread the knowledge of and enthusiasm for our work. Every effort spent in this behalf should bring the highest percentage of results. So again we thank you.

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India at Last

The first letter from our missionary Nurse at Amkhut

“SUNDAY, November 9th, was a day long to be remembered by us. We retired about 10.45 p.m. but not to sleep. I occupied the upper berth below the port hole, and saw the first light from India's coral strand at eleven. I cannot describe the feeling which came over me when the lights of Bombay were first observed and I realized that we had actually reached that which had seemed so far away—the land of our adoption. At six-fifteen Miss Williamson, from Amkhut, came on board to take us off and we went ashore about eight.

On Armistice afternoon we went to see the Parsee cemetery, but found a large crowd gathered in the lower grounds. While we were consulting with one another about what we should do, a Parsee gentleman crossed the road and invited us to come over and see the Armistice service. We were led to seats of prominence, a Parsee girl who could speak perfect English was introduced to us as interpreter, a number of the members of the consulates of various countries were present and sat in front and across from us. We felt very conspicuous with our topies and were not dressed, as we thought, for such an occasion, but our guide said, “this is not a dress occasion, we are commemorating our dead, see all our women are dressed in dark saris.” They found we were from Canada, so when the Parsee speech was made, the speaker remarked that a few Parsees had been in the Canadian Navy, and looked toward us. Forty-six gave their lives for king and country. There are only 100,000 Parsees in the world, and 60,000 of these are in Bombay.

The next morning we visited the cemetery and were told how they dispose of their dead. When a Parsee dies he is not touched by any but a Parsee, if he should be he is placed in the suicide tower as he cannot be placed in the general Towers of Silence of which there are two. He is taken by carriage or bearers to the temple where the service for the dead is said, and then carried by bearers to one of these towers. The bearers are not allowed in but the body is given to others inside. It is then placed on the roof which slants inward surrounded by a wall, and within fifteen minutes is entirely disposed of by the waiting vultures. It is very gruesome to see these birds sitting around on the towers waiting for their next meal. The Parsees worship fire, earth (mother), and water, so they cannot cremate their dead as that would pollute fire, to bury them would do the same to mother earth, etc.

It was quite thrilling driving through the bazaar at Dohad, for bullock carts and people thronged the narrow lane, but Stephen, our driver, took it calmly backing up and going another way when the road was blocked. Soon we were crossing the first river. At home we would pause before venturing over such a ford, but here no one seems to think anything of it. I believe we crossed about seven such streams, bridges seem to be practically unknown.

Miss Douglas and I were quite disappointed in the jungle as seen near Dohad, it is mostly long grass with a few trees here and there, and several small huts by the way where toll is collected. The last nine miles we travelled over a jungle road, but it was not up to our expectations, being very good. The people had fixed it up for Dr. Buchanan's benefit. Then the country changed, the trees became quite thick and we came into a rolling country, going up hill and down dale, with several breath-taking turns, narrow roadway winding about a hill, and a sheer drop of several hundred feet as we made sharp turns at the foot of a hill.

Before reaching Sardi we came upon the Rajah seated in a cleared space under a canopy levying taxes I believe. We stopped, got out and were introduced to him, so shook hands although we wondered if that was the proper thing to do. We told him that Dr. Buchanan was following us in another car, so he waited by the roadside to greet him.

At Sardi they were ringing the bell lustily so we stopped and met Miss Maxwell's people, then brought her with us to Amkhut. When we reached the highest peak of land, below us stretched the beautiful Amkhut valley which would be hard to surpass. We came down hill, crossed the stream (river) which was roofed over with vines and flowers, and a large welcome sign over all, turned a corner and sped up the hill to the Buchanan bungalow between two lines of boys and girls, who had already greeted the Buchanans. We met Miss Robson, and the school children sang a greeting to us, then with the Buchanans we shook hands with the Hindu doctor, school teachers, boys and girls. All the members of Council then gathered for tea at the W.M.S. bungalow.

You would love the Bhil people, they all have such bright happy faces even though they have a hard time to get enough to keep them alive. As I write I am looking out at the Church, where they hold school during week days. The boys and girls would enjoy this school, I am sure, as they have classes out in the open, and every one talks as he studies.

The bell which was given by Evangel Hall is very much in the foreground. It calls the people to worship on Sunday, and acts as a clock for the workmen and women on the Children's Nursing Home, also calls the children to school."

—(Miss) Mildred Soutar.

Beautiful Beyond Description is Amkhut

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF OUR NEW MISSIONARY

“WE are quite settled and very very happy in our new home here. We are hard at the study of the language and are enjoying it very much. We have just begun to make the letters and it is rather like trying to put a difficult puzzle together. But you should hear our conversation in Hindi! Even though they laugh at us for foolish mistakes we plod along. Miss Robson is very patient with us and such a help. We are fortunate in having a pundit who is a good teacher. He makes us try our very hardest and when he thinks we have no excuse for our ignorance he simply says he won't tell us in English and he doesn't. Although he is not a Christian, he comes to church regularly, and always joins in the singing. He is very friendly with the people here, he plays tennis with us every afternoon, and we have such good times. The teachers and all of us like him so much, and are praying always that he may soon be brought to Christ.

How I wish I could describe Amkhut. It is far more beautiful than I had pictured it. During the Council meetings some of the missionaries and Miss Soutar and I rose very early one morning, and climbed to the top of the hill which rises just behind the compound. We climbed to the highest peak, perhaps four hundred feet above the valley. The view from the top was well worth all our scrambling through the jungle. Such a panorama as lay before us—hills and valleys, thickly wooded with jungle trees, and just below were the buildings of the compound, clean and white, nestling against the side of the hill. It was such a wonderful sight and it seemed very fitting that we should shout the cry which in Hindi sounds like ‘Jesu masiki jai’ and means ‘Shout, victory for Jesus’. Down below the boys heard the call, and answered it, by repeating it again. And that is what they have been doing here for the past thirty years, shouting Victory for Jesus!

We stayed in Bombay until Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan arrived, then came to this beautiful spot. How eagerly we watched that turning, twisting, jungle trail as Stephen drove us in to Amkhut! And then,



The Beautiful Valley of Amkhut

what a welcome was awaiting us! Of course we knew that these people had not come from miles around simply to meet us. They were here to welcome the dearly beloved Doctor Sahib and the Mem Sahib. I wish you could have seen some of the happy faces. But I think there were some smiles for us too. This seemed to be the gathering of a happy family together in a lovely friendly garden, and somehow, from the first I just felt as though I belonged.” —(*Miss Ellen Douglas.*)

Miss McConnell, of Jobat, Gets a Motor Car

“I WANT to say just how very happy I am over the news of the car. It is going to mean so much to me and to the work too. I am hoping to get out one day a week into the district and in this way I shall be able to get in touch with more people and will get more people to come to the hospital. One might say to me, why do you want more patients when you have not accommodation for those who come now? My answer is, it is nice to get the confidence of the people and if I see them in the villages and am able to relieve their troubles then they will be more liable to come to the hospital.

I shall write at once to Mrs. Henderson to thank her for her very generous gift. When I was sitting at breakfast this morning my little servant asked me when I was going to buy the motor. I told him that I would buy it when I went to Bombay. He said, ‘Miss Sahibaji, the lady who sent the money for that car loves you very much because cars cost a lot of money.’ I thought it was very nice for him to think of it in this way and it gave me an opportunity of talking to him about the best Gift of all, though he knows the story well, but it is always wise to remind the folks of the greatest gift of all. When I told him that I had never met the lady who was supplying the car he could not understand why anyone whom I had not met would send the money to buy a motor.”

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Getting and Spending

“LAY not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other: or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”—Matt. VI: 19-21, 24.

“ . . . Get your promised contribution ready in good time. I want it to be forthcoming as a generous gift, not as money wrung out of you. Mark this: he who sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and he who sows generously will reap a generous harvest. Everyone is to give what he has made up his mind to give; there is to be no grudging or compulsion about it, for God loves the giver who gives cheerfully.”—2 Cor. IX: 5-7, (Moffatt.)

Other readings: Deut. VIII: 10-18; Psalm LXII: 5-12; Matt. VI: 24-34; Luke XII: 13-21; 2 Cor. IX: 6-15; Phil. IV: 9-13.

Pause and think of God's generosity; and of the spirit in which you would accept it; with deep gratitude; and with the sense of a trust committed to you.

Fountain of good, to own Thy love
Our thankful hearts incline;
What can we render, Lord, to Thee,
When all the worlds are Thine?

Self-examination

Am I grateful for the things I have? Do I envy those who are better off than I am? Do I give good value for my earnings? Am I willing to share my possessions with others? Would the loss of money take away my happiness? Am I scrupulously honest in money matters? Can I be satisfied before God with losing money, or with winning money by gambling? Do I spend money on selfish luxuries? Do I do my best to keep out of debt? Do I give as much as I ought to the work of the Church and to other good causes?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, cleanse our hearts from all selfishness and unworthy ambition. Teach us to set store by the best things. Save us from meanness, and keep us from missing the way through the love of money and the things it buys. O Lord, make us faithful and diligent in our work, and honest in all our dealings with other people. Give us grateful and generous hearts. Make us quick to see the needs of others, and ready to help with more than sympathy. Teach us, O Lord, that it is better to give than to receive; better to forget ourselves than to put ourselves forward; better to minister than to be ministered unto. And unto Thee, the God of Love, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

—*A Day-Book of Prayer.*

“When every care,
In simple prayer,
Is to His footstool brought,
We have no ground
Whereon to found
One single anxious thought.”

YOUNG WOMEN

THE Council Executive are deeply impressed with the increasing interest and activities on the part of that splendid body of young women who have really become a definite entity within our Society.

In order to foster this entity the Council Executive has decided to devote a definite space in the *Glad Tidings* each month which will be of special interest to our young women. Suggested programmes, names of missionaries and their fields, examples of what other groups are doing and a world outlook will be featured.

Young Women's Societies in the W.M.S. are composed largely of business girls and young women who find the evening meeting more convenient than the afternoon, and therefore have this department in the Society for the medium through which they may express their missionary desires.

In it one expects to find a different type of activity than in the mature Auxiliaries. Not different in form of interest but different in the methods used, just as an office is likely to have its work conducted differently to the home.

First of all we should expect to find a sound conception of just what young women can do in the missionary work of the church, and the best methods worked out for doing it.

It is most important that our methods be PRACTICAL AND WORK-ABLE. This is an age of science, where young men and women expect results, and Christianity built on theory or abstract appeal will never grow.

It has been decided to allocate to the young women definite pieces of national and overseas work. In this allocation we hope to give an all embracing interest in our work as a whole and to build an allocation goal toward which our young women may work. This allocation will give them various definite interests into which any course of study decided upon might fit and inspire them towards the achievement of that goal.

It will naturally take some time to work out the detail of the plan, but when completed it will appear on this page.

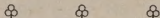
YOUNG WOMEN THIS IS YOUR PAGE. READ IT. REFER TO IT IN DISCUSSION AND TALK ABOUT IT. GIVE US YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND YOUR PROBLEMS.

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Many of us are interested in India. Have you noted the article by Miss McConnell in this issue? Page 92.

Contrast this with the work of pioneering in our own country. Read the letter from our deaconess, Miss H. Macdonald, at Pouce Coupe,

page 95. There is also a series of interesting leaflets available, Presbyterian Work across Canada. These sell for 35c. for a set of six.



WHAT WORLD FIGURES THINK ABOUT MISSIONS

Read first paragraph of The Simon's Report, page 84, also that statement by Rev. B. C. Ishwardas, of Ludhiana, Indian pastor of the largest Protestant Church in the Punjab who is at present taking a post-graduate course at Princeton, "At times individual missionaries have committed serious mistakes, but the wonder is that, being foreign they have not made greater blunders. On the other hand they have done a yeoman service in the creation of a 'New India'. Their service in the realm of education, breaking down of caste, abolishing untouchability and installing a democratic spirit into the Indian people is very real."

A new leaflet, "A Challenge to our Young Women" on the Church's work of the world has been prepared and is now ready for distribution; you may have a free copy for your group by writing to your Literature Secretary.

Be prayerful and thou shalt have strength equal to thy day;

Prayer clasps the Hand that guides the world—

Oh, make it then thy stay:

Ask largely, and thy God will be

A Kingly Giver unto thee.

—Selected.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

WHAT CANADIAN GIRLS ARE GOING TO DO FOR CHINESE GIRLS IN TRAINING

TURN about is fair play. China of the past has contributed much to the everyday life of our present. Now the opportunity is ours to have a part in the future of this nation in the remaking. For the year 1931, the W.M.S. has assigned to the affiliated girls' organizations the support of Dr. Jessie MacBean's work in the "Hackett" Medical College, Canton, China. There she is training her Chinese girls to become doctors. Already in the study book, "Over the Seas to China," we have made the acquaintance of both teacher and class; while some of us were fortunate enough on Dr. MacBean's last visit home, to hear more about these girls who carried on steadily with pirates in the vicinity and the noise of gunfire in their ears. For such young doctors, new China will have a place. Without doubt, they will hold clinics, see to civic health and sanitation, and train the doctors of the next generations just as they would here in Canada.

Hand in hand with this piece of work overseas goes another, the training of a Chinese girl who at the age of eight years left her native land for ours. While learning our language and studying in our schools, still she possesses her mother tongue which will enable her to render great service to the women and children of her own country. Her further education has been undertaken by the W.M.S. and for this year, the girls' organizations have been made responsible.

These two pieces of work, for the Chinese at home and abroad, amount to the sum of \$1,500. This is less than the givings of the girls in 1929 (1930 not yet being tabulated) but the present financial situation makes a decrease possible. While funds may be down, we hope that interest and endeavor will be on the increase.—M.J.G.

If possible, read, "Complicated China," by Samuel G. Blythe in the *Saturday Evening Post*, of February 14th.

Group Affiliation with the W.M.S.

MISS LOIS McRAE

IN our girls' camps, councils and executive meetings the question of affiliation has been introduced for discussion. In many cases our girls look blank when affiliation with the W.M.S. is mentioned. We realize in all great questions such as temperance, war, etc., we must train our children in the right ways of thinking. Usually the reason countries go to war is because they fail to understand each other. It is essential that our groups should discover the purpose and possibilities in affiliating with the Women's Missionary Society. In a parrot-like way we say any group which takes up missionary study and contributes to the funds of the W.M.S. is an affiliated group. So often in presenting the purpose of affiliation the "funds" part of it is over emphasized and real missionary education is neglected. Theoretically the idea of affiliation is good, but practically it has not worked out, due to the lack of understanding and co-operation.

One could list many world-friendship projects worked out by C.G.I.T. groups, of treasure books made and pageants presented. Let us ask ourselves however, do we as Auxiliary members help the girls to see the connection between their projects and the work of the W.M.S.? Do our groups realize that the activities carried out can only be done because of the work of their mother organization?

There are many reasons why affiliation has not been effective. As a leader ask yourself "Have I a genuine love for missions?" If missionary education seems futile and uninteresting to the leader, this attitude will be manifested in the group of girls. A responsibility also

lies with the local W.M.S. Auxiliary. There is the need of a more sympathetic understanding of our girls' organizations. Show your interest by enquiring what missionary education is being carried on in your local C.G.I.T. group. It may be that your leader is looking for help along missionary lines.

If co-operation is lacking in your Church, why not plan a joint meeting of W.M.S. and C.G.I.T. when one of the W.M.S. members could explain the purpose of affiliation in order that the girls may understand what it means to become a part of so great an organization as the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. If it be our wish that our teen-age girls graduate into the Young Women's Auxiliaries, then there must be a vital relationship established between these two organizations. Occasional joint meetings will bring about a closer co-operation.

From the findings of a Girls' Council meeting, it was discovered that some groups have entertained their W.M.S. Auxiliaries at teas, regular meetings, pageants, etc. In planning your missionary projects, would it not be well to keep these ideas in view, and also the purpose of affiliating with the W.M.S.

Missionary education will lose its value if when we meet with our girls we say "This year as a girls' organization of the Presbyterian Church we must study the book 'Over the Seas to China'." Our missionary projects to be worthwhile must arise out of the girls' interests. For example—in a Sunday School class the question was asked "How do we know that Christianity is the right religion?" and from this grew up the desire for knowledge of the other religions. As it was explained to the girls there are three different religions in China, they decided to make a special study of this country. The following are questions which are likely to crop up in this project: "If I had been born in China, what would my home be like? Would I have the opportunity of going to college? What would I eat if I were a Chinese? Are the Chinese customs and dress similar to ours? What workers have we in China? Do the Chinese wish us to bring our western civilization to them? What recreation is there in China for teen-age girls? What would Christ mean to me?" In carrying out such a project a group could plan to entertain their W.M.S. Auxiliary, sharing with them their experiences. Several groups in this connection might plan (a) A number of Chinese games, (b) Series of tableaux depicting Chinese customs, (c) A Chinese play written by one of the groups showing the various branches of work being carried on by the W.M.S., (d) An exhibit of articles in daily use which come from China, (e) Serving refreshments of Chinese food.

MISSION BANDS

Programme for March

Hymn.—"I Think When I Read" (738). *Bible Lesson.*—Matt. 21: 1-17. *Hymn.*—"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (749). *Prayer Subject.*—The Children of Manchuria. *Minutes and Business.* *Offering.* *Hymn.*—"The Wise May Bring" (779). *Address or Story.* *Hymn.*—"When His Salvation Bringing" (750). *Closing Prayer.*

Story

MRS. J. W. DILL

IN our new book, "The Missionary Told It", Miss Kok, who loves the children of Manchuria, tells us an interesting story of a little girl. I will tell you of a boy in that far-away land.

There was great rejoicing when "Little Boy Sprout" came into the home because a boy is always welcome. When this baby was a month old another time of joy, feasting and gifts came. Why? Because his head was to be shaved all over for the first time. Then our Little Boy Sprout had to learn to eat with chopsticks but when he was old enough to feed himself he had a wooden spoon. When he was about four he was very proud because he could eat like father. At seven he went to school. He had a very sad time there. Why? Because he was a spoiled boy. His parents let him do just as he liked and he did not respect, obey or really love them, so, when he started to go to school, he was punished very often for disobedience and he found it hard to study seven or eight hours, which is the rule in China. What did he study? In the olden times they had Chinese books, now-a-days Chinese boys study arithmetic, geography and many subjects Canadian boys study. Did he play games? you ask. Yes! kite flying, four corners, and our puss-in-the-corner, and now healthy games, baseball, cricket and football are being taught.

The Chinese are very superstitious and this boy's parents were afraid he would grow up sad if they stayed in their home which was near a cemetery so they moved. Then a butcher came to live beside them and they moved again for fear Little Boy Sprout would grow up cruel. This time they got a house beside a temple and were satisfied. But their boy was not happy. They did not know why until they caught him reading a book he had found. It was the New Testament. At first they were angry and were going to burn it, but the boy cried and begged them to read it too. About a year after they read it secretly and the end of my boy story is that father, mother and son are now Christians. What lesson does this short story teach us? I know you will say that we must pray for Chinese children and do all we can to send the gospel to them.

SOMETHING CHILDREN CAN DO

MISS MILDRED SOUTAR, AMKHUT

THE Children's Home is lovely and I am looking forward to the time when we can do our part towards fixing it up both inside and out. Tell the boys and girls to save us pictures especially those depicting scenes in the life of Christ. We have a lovely lot of fireplaces and will have nice places to put pictures, and we are gathering the nicest baby blankets and small quilts, etc., also spreads and we hope to receive many little stocking shirts when the children read Miss Robson's recipe for them.

RALLY DAY PROGRAMME

Opening Hymn.—"Brightly Gleams Our Banner" (781).

Scripture Lesson.—St. Luke 11: 25-37.

Prayer.—1st. For the World's Children (Leader).

Response.—Lord, hear this prayer for Jesus' sake.

Prayer.—2nd. Prayer for the "M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home."

Response.—Lord, hear our prayer for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Rally Song.—"Joy Bells Ringing" (774).

Motto.—"By His Word and Spirit led
We will follow Jesus."

Offering.

Prayer.—Loving Father, bless our pennies,
And the givers every one,
Help us give and work for others,
In the Name of Thy dear Son. Amen.

Greetings.

Address.

Hymn.—"The King of Love (146) verses 1, 2, 3, 6.

Closing exercises.—

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

Memorize this Psalm and repeat in unison The Lord's Prayer.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Provincial Annual Meetings

Alberta.—First Church, Edmonton, March 17th, 18th.

British Columbia.—St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, March 31st, April 1st.

Manitoba.—First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, March 25th, 26th.

Ontario.—St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, April 21, 22, 23.

Quebec.—St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, April 14th.

Saskatchewan.—Moose Jaw, March 11-13.

Council Meeting

First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, opening meeting, Tuesday, May 26th at 2 p.m.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. D. S. MACKENZIE, 8809, 112TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

RED DEER P.S. annual meeting was held in Olds, January 15th, the President, Mrs. T. M. Revie in the chair. Devotional exercises were in charge of the Red Deer Auxiliary. The reports of all the Secretaries were interesting and encouraging. The Treasurer reported total contributions amounting to \$503. Rev. J. A. S. McLagan, Innisfail, gave the address at the evening session which was much appreciated. There was also a missionary play entitled, "The Gospel According to the Telephone Book", given by four boys. Olds Auxiliary had charge of the devotions.

Innisfail Auxiliary held its Thank-offering December 29th. The special speaker was Mrs. T. Revie, Red Deer, who gave a splendid address. There was a very good attendance and a generous collection.

The annual meeting of the Olds Auxiliary was held December 9th, with a very good attendance. After the reports, Mr. J. Ross' S. S. class presented a missionary play.

The annual meeting of the Valley Centre W.M.S. was held in December at the home of Mrs. R. S. Keast. Not being able to do anything else this year, the Auxiliary sent a box of butter, eggs and meat to the Vegreville Hospital and School Homes, paying freight on same.

Edmonton P.S.—The seventeenth annual meeting of the Presbyterial, held in First Church, Edmonton, January 9th, was one of great inspiration and encouragement. The Treasurer reported \$2,116.25 from all sources. There are 9 Auxiliaries, 6 Associate Societies, 11 Mission Bands, 3 C.G.I.T. Groups and 3 Girls' Clubs. The Auxiliaries have 181 members and contributed \$1,402 to the general fund, \$5 in cash, \$318 in Thank-

offering and \$120 for the support of two Bible women in India. The Associate Societies contributed \$255 to general fund, provided supplies valued at \$36.60, did much relief work and sent out a large quantity of literature. Two new Mission Bands were organized. The 11 Bands, with a membership of 336, contributed \$251.95 to the general fund and sent supplies valued at \$68.20. The girls' clubs with a membership of 121 showed excellent work being done. The Home Helpers Secretary reports a membership of 219, contributions of \$394.50.

The Supply Secretary reports supplies sent out to the value of \$244.59. Nineteen new subscriptions to *Glad Tidings* were received, total 231. The Literature Secretary reported sales amounting to \$28.82. The Life Membership Secretary reported 1 Honorary Member and 15 Life Members, of these 8 are from the Y.W.S. of First Church and 2 from the Mission Bands. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary reported 775 visits paid. The Library Secretary reported 800 pounds of literature sent out including magazines, S.S. papers and hymn books.

The Executive held a successful semi-annual meeting at Killam with an attendance of 50.

Genuine regret was expressed that Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, of China, were unable to be present.

The speaker for the evening session was Rev. Walter McCleary, who gave a graphic account of his missionary work in Northern Ontario. Other interesting addresses were given by Miss Olive Ross, Fort McMurray, and Mrs. A. Robertson, of Vegreville School Homes.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY

THE January meetings of the Auxiliaries seem to have been devoted to election of officers, reports of the past year's work, and planning programmes for the coming months, consequently, only a few items of interest have been sent in for publication.

Plans are being made by the Presbyterials for their annual meetings.

The Provincial annual meeting will be held in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, March 31st and April 1st.

One branch of the work of the W.M.S. which is seldom mentioned and not fully understood, is the Welcome and Welfare work. In a widely scattered province like British Columbia, where new arrivals from other lands seem so far removed from their own people and church associations, a letter of welcome or a visit from the Welcome and Welfare Secretary gives them a little comfort and cheer, and helps them through the first lonely weeks. The fact that the Presbyterian Church and especially the W.M.S. are interested in them, makes them feel they

are settling in a friendly country. Sometimes the Secretaries feel their letters are useless because they remain unanswered. Surely a word of welcome is acceptable even if the recipient does not acknowledge it. Through the efforts of the Welcome and Welfare Secretaries many newcomers have been added to the Church and its various branches.

Westminster P.S.—Mount Pleasant W.M.S., Vancouver, met January 5th, Mrs. Jas. Herd presiding. Mrs. R. M. Thomson gave an interesting talk on the missionaries the Church and W.M.S. have sent overseas during 1930.

Fairview Auxiliary, Vancouver, at their first meeting of the year, January 8th, were addressed by Rev. Walter Ellis.

The W.M.S. of Robertson Church, Vancouver, held its annual meeting recently. Mrs. H. Fraser, the President, occupied the chair. After the reading of the annual reports by the Secretaries, the election of officers took place.

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MRS. W. F. HOGARTH, 118 N. JOHN ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SEC.

MR. GRAY, of Brandon, addressed the Thank-offering meeting of Blyth and Glen Souris. The Mission Band provided the programme. The offering was \$17.75.

St. Andrew's W.M.S., Boissevain, at their Thank-offering, followed the set programme. The offering was \$34.00. This Society sent a mission box valued at \$51.00. At the December meeting Miss MacGregor, Girls' Work Secretary, gave a very helpful address on group work among the girls.

The 'teen age girls of First Church, Brandon, were fortunate in having Mrs. Coulter, Neepawa, and Miss MacGregor address them at different meetings. A Presbyterian Girls' Guild was organized by Miss MacGregor while in Brandon.

Mrs. J. Goforth addressed the women of Brandon on the afternoon of January 22nd on "The God Life". About three hundred women were present. In the evening she spoke on the great field and the call to service. Deep regret was felt that Dr. Goforth was not able to be present, and the prayers of Brandon followed him as he returned to Toronto to undergo an operation on his eye.

Superior P.S. annual executive meeting was held in Port Arthur January 6th. Reports were very encouraging. Four Auxiliaries reported 114 members, giving \$589. Bales valued at \$136.38 were sent out, besides second hand goods. Port Arthur Auxiliary reported 342 visits to homes and hospitals; St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, 515. Three Y. W. Associate Societies gave \$81.20 besides helping individual

churches and giving to the Budget. These Y.W.'s also sent many hampers to the needy at holiday time. Four Mission Bands reported \$146.50 in givings, besides helping with supplies. Ten C.G.I.T. Groups gave \$29.90 besides hampers for the needy at Christmas. The Y.W. Associate Society of Port Arthur sent a box of comforts to Halifax, value \$10. The Literature Secretary sent reading matter to camps, schools, etc. Total sent to Provincial Treasurer was \$963.

The Presbyterian Women's Day of Prayer was observed in Port Arthur and Fort William, January 9th. Miss Smellie gave an address at the Port Arthur meeting on "The Meaning of Service". Prayers were offered for all departments of church life and work. Dr. Grant spoke at the Fort William meeting on the same topic, referring to the important place women have held in the church life and work since the early days of Christianity, and told how Paul, the great missionary, had found in Philippi a group of women in prayer by the river side—the first prayer meeting. The meeting closed with prayers by different women.

Brandon P.S.—The Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church, Brandon, at their November meeting, presented a pageant. Life Memberships were given, offering \$33.38.

Winnipeg P.S.—The Presbyterian Women's Day of Prayer was held in First Church, Winnipeg, January 9th. The meeting was well attended. The following churches were represented: Gonor Mission, St. James, Kildonan, Calvin, St. John's, Elmwood and First. The remaining churches in the Presbyterial held an Auxiliary service. Mrs. Flook presided and Rev. E. H. Lockhart gave an address on "Service". Rev. N. A. MacEachern closed the meeting.

A Christmas entertainment was held at Gonor Presbyterian Church, when a splendid programme was enjoyed by young and old. Mrs. Mackenzie, deaconess in charge, gave the Bible lesson. Rev. P. Jones, Knox Church, Selkirk, was the speaker. A watch night service followed and Mrs. Mackenzie gave an address on Consecration for 1931.

ONTARIO

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THE Provincial Board held morning and afternoon sessions February 6th in St. Paul's Church, Bathurst Street, Toronto. Secretarial reports were received in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

The Presbyterian Day of Prayer was observed throughout the province January 9th. There was a large attendance at the urban centres. In the rural sections many Auxiliaries observed it individually.

Algoma P.S. reported a successful year at the Executive meeting.

Barrie P.S.—Collingwood Auxiliary has gone "over the top"; Mrs. MacMurchy spoke on "The Women of the New Testament." Essen

reports a splendid year of service. Helpful messages were given by Mrs. Ellis and Mrs. A. Crawford. Schomberg "Thank-offering" was addressed by the pastor and had a generous offering.

Chatham P.S. annual meeting convened in Knox Church, Wallaceburg, January 20th showed progress in all departments, allocation exceeded by \$245. Mrs. D. Strachan was guest speaker. The Mission Band presented the pageant "Lighting Candles in Gwalior."

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Windsor, has sent cards of sympathy, also cards to sick and shut-in members. Mt. Zion M.B., Ridgetown, sent a donation for the Children's Nursing Home, Amkhut, India. Mt. Zion Auxiliary suffered the loss of a devoted member, Mrs. McBrayne.

Guelph P.S. held in Knox Church, Guelph, heard cheering reports, those from Girl's Organizations and Mission Bands being especially encouraging. Mrs. W. A. McLennan was the speaker.

Hamilton P.S. convened at Drummond Hill, Niagara Falls, with a large attendance. Successful sectional meetings and increased Auxiliary membership were reported. Many young girls gave two minute reports. Miss Pelton and Mrs. Gauld gave addresses of unusual interest.

Lindsay P.S. held at Lindsay, January 22nd was well attended. Good reports were given. Speakers were Miss Thurston, Fenelon Falls, Mrs. Sneddon, Richmond Hill, Mrs. W. J. McCullough, Toronto.

Paris P.S. at Central Church, Brantford, January 15th reported progress and increased givings, with highest percentage of subscriptions to *Glad Tidings*. Mrs. J. A. Lohead, Hamilton, and Mrs. H. A. McMillan, Formosa, gave addresses. Thank-offerings and rallies had been addressed by Mrs. R. C. Campbell, Mrs. Gauld, Formosa, and Mrs. McDonald, London, and sectional meetings held.

Peterborough P.S. was held in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, with 60 delegates. Secretarial reports were heard and an address by Mrs. G. W. MacKay, Formosa. "The Faithful Workers," presented a pageant.

Sarnia P.S. Executive at the January meeting heard excellent reports, including a membership of 672 with 603 subscribers to *Glad Tidings*, \$4,455 for mission work and a bale valued at \$665 sent to Indian Schools.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mary Stewart, Spring Bank, Strathroy, a devoted worker in the W.M.S. and for 35 years a member of Beechwood congregation.

Saugeen P.S. Executive meeting in Palmerston, January 16th, heard gratifying reports. The allocation was exceeded.

Stratford P.S. convened in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, January 15th. Reports were good and objectives reached. Mrs. W. A. McLennan was the speaker. Appreciation was expressed of the work of the retiring President, Mrs. Jas. Erskine. The new President, Mrs. J. H. McCabe, was welcomed.

Toronto P.S. was held in Queen East Church, January 29th and 30th. Departmental Secretaries presented reports. Addresses were given by Mrs. J. G. Inkster, Miss Dickman, Miss McGregor, Miss Pelton, Mrs. Strachan, Rev. Geo. Nichol. Greetings from the Provincial Society were brought by Mrs. J. A. Milne and from the Presbytery by Rev. J. A. Hilts. At an open meeting of Sloan Auxiliary, Parkdale, Mrs. Wm. Gauld spoke on Formosa. Missionaries and mission workers were guests of Glenview afternoon Auxiliary, January 7th, and were presented by Mrs. D. Strachan. Mrs. W. A. McLennan was the speaker.

Miss Pelton, Field Secretary, is giving a series of addresses in March, these will be in Victoria, Riverdale and Emmanuel Churches.

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MOOSE JAW P.S. assembled in Knox Church for the seventeenth annual meeting on January 14th. Mrs. J. H. Drynan presided. In summing up the reports it was felt that while in some cases a decrease in Auxiliary membership was shown, yet, on the whole, the year had been most encouraging, showing as it did a marked increase in membership in Young Women's and Junior branches. Regret was expressed that owing to the financial depression so general throughout the country allotment had not been reached.

A pleasing feature of the session was the presentation, by Mrs. W. A. Cameron, Weyburn, of the banner to the Mission Band of St. Paul's Church, Moose Jaw. This was given for the best attendance and contributions for three consecutive years. This is the second banner this Mission Band has won in the last six years. A message of helpfulness contained in the "Thoughts to carry Home" was given by Miss Lily Macarthur, Regina. Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, gave a most helpful and timely message. Mrs. H. A. Stavely, Weyburn, was elected President.

Regina P.S.—It was reported at the annual meeting held in First Church, Regina, that more than the allocated amount had been contributed for 1930. Mrs. J. A. Sinclair presided at the morning and afternoon sessions. Rev. Dr. Bayne took charge of the evening exercises. About fifty delegates were in attendance. Rev. S. Farley was a special guest at lunch. Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, was in attendance and contributed in no small measure to the success of the meetings. Miss Lily Macarthur gave the closing message at the afternoon meeting.

During 1930 this Presbyterial had the honor of joining in the designation of Rev. Douglas Wilkie to his work in Formosa. Each Auxiliary contributed to a farewell gift for Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie on their departure from Regina.

Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—Mrs. W. G. Brown addressed the January meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, taking as her topic, "Manchuria and the Work of Dr. and Mrs. Goforth."

At the January meeting of the Parkview Auxiliary it was arranged that the different members consider themselves responsible to bring to the meeting all interesting items concerning different mission fields and their workers.

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Correction

Peterborough P.S.—In October issue the In Memoriam should read—In loving member of Mr. James McCaw, by his wife, Mrs. James McCaw, St. Paul's Aux., Peterborough.

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December 31st, 1930.

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Receipts	74,741.17	
Disbursements		\$23,855.87
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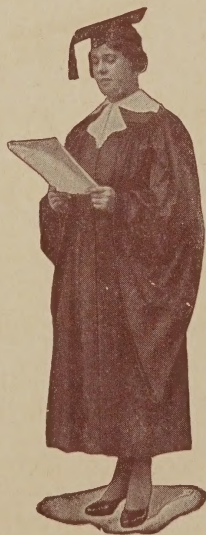
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. . . The Message of Easter . . .



Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came to the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

And it came to pass, as they were very much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: and as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

He is not here, but has risen: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered His words.

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O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.



Resurrection

THE life of Jesus and especially His cross raises every question about life that can possibly be raised . . . The word "Why?" upon the lips of Jesus as He hangs upon the cross seems to epitomize all the questions that ever trembled upon the lips of perplexed humanity. And the resurrection answers them all . . .

The phrase that transformed all from a commonplace of life into a sacrament was the phrase: "And when He took the Cup, He thanked God for it,"—for all the pains, the joys, all the companionships and desertions, for Gethsemane and for Calvary. He took it all as from a Father's hand, thanked Him for it, and, lo, everything was transformed. All of us have to bear, but only those who have learned triumphantly to thank God for it all can turn life from a senseless suffering to a sacrament . . . At the Round Table of Life Jesus passes to us the Chalice of His life, and, when our lips have tasted, we know that we are drinking of life itself.—*E. Stanley Jones.*

Editorial

THE Biennial Meeting of the Council will open in First Church, Winnipeg, Tuesday, May 26th at 2 p.m. The opening session will be devoted largely to finance and organization. There will be sessions for business and conference, and for the presentation of reports, also short addresses from workers in the National Departments. Wednesday evening public meeting will be addressed by Rev. E. A. Wright, Grande Prairie, Alta.; Mr. A. Hawtin, of the Farm Colony, Gwalior Mission, India, and a missionary from Formosa. Thursday evening public meeting is especially for young women when a short playlet will be given featuring the work of the Candidates Committee. The morning devotions will be conducted by Mrs. H. M. Coulter, Neepawa, and Miss Violet Scott, Saskatoon. The closing session of the Council will be a vesper service and will be held in the historic church of Kildonan.

MISS MUNRO, our port worker at Montreal, was a welcome visitor at the Council Executive in March. Although passing through the quietest time in her experience, so far as immigration is concerned, Miss Munro sees the need of a student worker during the summer to visit and locate our people. The work is very encouraging and many replies have been received to letters of welcome. One was from a young man. He had been engaged in church work in Scotland and because of the interest shown him by our Church on his arrival in Canada, he is anxious to continue this work in the Grande Prairie district where he is now located.

OWING to the present economic conditions which have seriously affected mission work everywhere, the Council Executive has decided to defer the building of the Girls' Hostel at Gwalior. This is a cause of great disappointment, but it is felt that under existing circumstances this action will be commended.

WORD has been received of the death in Palestine of Rev. S. B. Rohold, -F.R.G.S., Principal of the Bible School, Haifa. Mr. Rohold was the first missionary to the Jews in Toronto and founded and was for many years the beloved pastor of the Christian Synagogue, now known as Scott Institute. For the past ten years Mr. Rohold has served as missionary in Palestine under the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Revered alike by Jews and Christians, Mr. Rohold was recognized as one of the makers of modern Palestine and his death removes one who has rendered a great service to missionary endeavor. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Rohold in her great loss.

Miss J. Margaret Patterson, of Brandon, Manitoba, has been appointed to the teaching staff at Birtle.



This month we feature our mission work in Manchuria. In the last five years Manchuria has received about 3,000,000 Chinese colonists—a migration without parallel in modern Oriental history. There were only 3,000,000 people in Manchuria a few years before the Russo-Japanese War. Now there are 27,000,000. On the above map our chief stations, Szepeinghai and Taonan are marked with stars.

Our Manchurian Field

A Brief Survey

BY ROSALIND GOFORTH

IN the space allotted me it will be only possible to touch upon the various heads under which I have been asked to write.

In writing and speaking of Manchuria recently, Dr. Cochrane, Editor of *World Dominion*, stated that he looked upon Manchuria as the greatest, most strategic mission field in the world to-day. We agree with this statement because of Manchuria's vast size and rapidly increasing population; its absolute openness to evangelistic effort; and, at least up to the present, its freedom from the terrible devastating conditions which prevail in China proper; and, lastly, its immense importance because of its geographical position—in reality Manchuria is a buffer state between Russia, Japan and China.

The People

The characteristics of the people we have found to be practically the same as those in the northern provinces of China, though they are perhaps



Our Missionary Headquarters at Szepingkai, Manchuria

more open, more enlightened and more easy of approach. As an illustration of this, though we had lived and worked over twenty-five years in the city of Changtefu, North Honan, yet up to the time we left, we were conscious of an undercurrent of suspicion and even hatred on the part of the populace as a whole. In contrast to this, we were in Szepingkai less than a year, when, everywhere we went, whether on the street or in shops, we noticed an ever increasing evidence of friendliness and eagerness to hear our message and to extend to us courtesy as to honored guests. In less than six months, Miss Kok had been welcomed into over seventy homes at Szepingkai—more homes than were opened to us in Changtefu City after twenty-five years of combined service by a fully-manned mission station.

The fact that great regions in north and west Manchuria had remained till recent years very sparsely settled was owing to the jealous guarding of these regions by the then rulers of China. A great part of Manchuria was kept sacred by the Manchus; and even the Chinese in Manchuria, as far as possible, were kept out. The Manchu dynasty was overthrown in 1911. From then on, the tide of emigration from the northern provinces of China steadily increased in volume until, within the last few years, this tide has reached a million souls annually. One evidence of the commercial value of Manchuria is seen in the fact that the South Manchurian Railway, a line only a few hundred miles in length, carried in 1929 over sixteen million tons of freight.

Extent of Our Field

We come now to our own field. The region for which we, as a Church, are now responsible comprises most of Western Manchuria and includes a region of Mongolia containing about 500,000 Mongols. Our main field is as large in extent as Ontario south of North Bay and from Montreal to Windsor, and has a population equal to that of Ontario and increasing rapidly. This truly wonderful field seemed to have been made ready for our entrance in May, 1927. One railway running right through our field, and connecting with the two main Manchurian lines, was completed just before we reached Szepingkai, which is the door into our field. A second line, opening up the southern part of the field and connecting with the above line, was completed after our arrival; while a third line is now in course of construction and is to open up the field from the city of Taonan to the extreme northwestern point where it touches the Russian border. To us who know something of the value of railways in reaching the people, these facts are of the utmost importance.

Our Work and Workers

Then as to the work itself, I may say that we found the field practically virgin soil for the gospel message. No missionary had ever resided in any part of it previous to our taking possession. There had been some touring done by missionaries of the Irish and Scotch Presbyterian Missions, but only in a comparatively small part of the field. Groups of Christians, however, were found here and there all over the field; but many of these had come in with the tide of immigration. In one region, to the northwest of Taonan, Mr. Reoch when touring discovered a Christian family who had lived there for seventeen years, having emigrated from North China. They had never seen another Christian nor a missionary, and their children who had grown up in the intervening years were all Christians. Mr. Reoch had the joy of baptizing them.

When we entered the field, opening work at Szepingkai in May, 1927, we were a very small, weak band. The writer was then an invalid. Mr. Reoch had to give his time wholly to the language. Dr. Goforth, Miss

Graham and Miss Kok were the only ones of the foreign staff who could carry on the evangelistic work. The very weakness of our force, however, caused us to step out in faith on God's omnipotence. The need for Chinese evangelists, both men and women, was to us all appallingly urgent. At this time, as we unitedly prayed, we endeavored to keep before us the field as a whole; and we all realized how utterly impossible it was to attempt opening such a field without a greatly increased staff of workers. We began to pray for Chinese evangelists, men and women, and God graciously answered our prayers beyond our utmost expectations. Then, as workers came, money began and continued to come, just in proportion to the number of workers to be supported. There was no solicitation of funds on the part of any member of our staff, but prayer alone was our means of supply. Again I would emphasize the utter hopelessness of evangelizing such a vast region apart from a large staff of native workers. How the gospel message has been broadcasted may be seen from the following facts: Nine months after Szepingkai was opened, the important city of Taonan in the very centre of the field, with its population of 100,000, was entered, Dr. Goforth and I giving Mr. Reoch a few months' help before leaving him in charge of the work in that region. The following extract from a letter by a China Inland missionary who visited Mr. Reoch two years after Taonan was opened must now speak for itself: "Mention must be made of the fine work done in Taonan by Rev. Allan Reoch In the month of April I visited Mr. Reoch, who, with a force of fourteen Chinese workers, is carrying on the finest piece of aggressive evangelism I have seen anywhere. Here one lone man, with his Chinese staff of three pastors, three Bible women, four or five evangelists and several colporteurs, is not only carrying on an intensive campaign in the big city of Taonan, but is also reaching out to the cities and towns in an incredible area. Both at the mission house and at a splendidly situated street-chapel gospel preaching goes on daily from nine in the morning till six in the evening without intermission. The street-chapel is always filled with interested listeners, and many are being brought to Christ."

The above picture also represents the work as carried on at all centres opened. Miss Graham for over eighteen months carried on most intensive evangelistic work at Tungliao. All the workers are of one mind that the native Church must be self-supporting, but for the reaching of the untouched multitudes with the gospel all the Chinese we can get must be used or the masses will never be reached. We have had some most encouraging signs of the coming self-support. One young woman in Taonan is giving ten Mexican dollars a month towards the support of one of the Bible women. The Sabbath givings at Taonan and Szepingkai are now sufficient in each place to support their own pastor. The promise of 2 Cor. 9: 6 is being abundantly fulfilled—we have been sowing abundantly and now are seeing the abundant harvest or at least the signs of such.

Our Work and Workers in Manchuria

REV. ALLAN S. REOCH

THREE encouraging features mark the story of the work during 1930: (1) The eagerness of the people to listen to the gospel. (2) A substantial increase in the Church membership. (3) Increased givings on the part of the Chinese Christians.

We have four main centres of work: Szepingkai, Cheng Chai T'un, T'ungliao, Taonan, and six out stations: Kuo Chia Tien, Tsi Lu Shu, Kailu, Tailai, T'a Tze Ch'eng and Pa Mien San Chao.

Szepingkai

The missionaries at Szepingkai are Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Koffend and Miss Crockett. Mr. Koffend has oversight of the men's work, Miss Crockett is in charge of women's work, Mrs. Koffend has acted as Treasurer of the Mission since December. These three workers have been on the field since the fall of 1929.

Dr. and Mrs. Goforth have been on furlough, and though we have missed their counsel and help, this has been offset by the knowledge that their work in the homeland was stimulating greater interest in our overseas missions.

During the year, Mrs. Goforth's book, "Blind Chang", was published.

It is a gripping story. It tells how the gospel came to be preached around Szepingkai.

The money supporting the evangelists is for the most part unsolicited donations coming in largely through the influence and confidence in Dr. and Mrs. Goforth. This allows us to carry on an aggressive evangelistic work at a time when the Church finances would not permit of retaining so large a force of Chinese workers. The Chinese force at Szepingkai is led by Pastor Su and Elder Chang who are capable, tireless and reliable. A number of other Chinese are working with them. They preach daily in two chapels, hold Bible classes in the shops five evenings a week. Besides the morning prayer meetings there is a weekly prayer meeting for the congrega-



Miss Kok, Miss Crockett, Mrs. Koffend,
Mr. Koffend.

tion. During the winter and spring the preachers went daily into the surrounding villages preaching in the homes. A colporteur sold 55,000 Scripture portions, thus scattering the gospel far and wide.

Since the opening of the work at Szepingkai four years ago, 68 have been baptized. The communion roll now numbers 82. The amount of money raised by the Chinese Church was \$439.40 Mexican dollars.

The women's work during the greater part of the year was carried on by Miss Kok and a Chinese Bible woman, who with their usual zeal, conducted an aggressive evangelistic work among the women, preaching to them in their homes five days a week. A weekly women's meeting was held in the church. A great deal of preaching was done by them at Tsi Lu Shu and surrounding villages. Until December 15th, Miss Kok besides carrying on the evangelistic work, shouldered the duties of Treasurer in a very efficient manner.

Cheng Chia T'un

The work in this city of 50,000 has been under the supervision of the missionary at Taonan during the absence of Dr. and Mrs. Goforth. There is a Chinese force there of three preachers and one Bible woman. Preaching goes on daily in the chapel. Christians and non-Christians are visited in their homes. A weekly service is held in the jail. A bright feature is the number of Government High School students who have become Christians. Of the 5 baptized, 3 preached during their summer vacation. One was formerly a Mohammedan, and though he suffered great persecution, has remained steadfast in the faith. In 1930, there were 14 baptisms. The congregation raised \$60.31 Mex.

T'ungliao

The work in the large city of T'ungliao is carried on by three Chinese preachers and one Bible woman and since Miss Graham, who after a strenuous and aggressive half year's work, left in June, the station has been under the supervision of the Szepingkai missionaries. The chapel is always crowded with eager listeners. A children's service is held daily. The Bible woman preaches to the women in their homes. Many thousands of tracts and gospels have been distributed. During the year, the Christians raised \$80.60 Mex.

Taonan

The work at Taonan has been under the supervision of the writer of this report and while on furlough during 1931 it will be under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, who arrived in Taonan the latter part of November. They bring to the work years of experience, and knowledge of things Chinese. The Chinese staff consists of five preachers. There are also five Bible women who visit the Christian and non-Christian women daily, and teach a Bible class in the evenings.

Mrs. Davis has started a daily children's meeting at the chapel besides

others in the homes. These classes are well attended and will mean much to the Church.

Preaching has gone on for hours every day throughout the year at two preaching chapels. Classes are held every night for the believers, a class in phonetic for the illiterate. Besides the daily morning prayer meeting, a weekly congregational prayer meeting is held. A feature of the Sunday School is the memorizing of all the year's golden texts the last Sunday in the year. Preaching has been carried on in nearby villages, by the wayside, at theatricals, athletic meets and weddings. Long tours have been made in the country preaching and selling gospels. Eighty-thousand Scripture portions were sold. Two Mongolian Temples were visited and quantities of Mongolian and Tibetan literature distributed.

In the Taonan region there are over 40 towns and villages where there are one or more Christians. These have been visited, though with so inadequate a force, it would be silly to suppose we had given these scattered groups sufficient spiritual help. An encouraging sign has been the way some groups, without the help of a permanent preacher, carried on preaching to the non-Christians, and conducted their own Sunday services. The Taonan congregation raised the sum of \$409.46 Mex. The total number baptized in the city and the villages round about totalled 10.

T'a Tze Ch'eng

T'a Tze Ch'eng was opened by Taonan and the work is supervised from there. A Chinese preacher is stationed there and his salary is paid by contributions from the other Chinese churches in our Mission. Thus it becomes a Home Mission work. The amount raised by the congregations for this work amounted to \$217.80 Mex.

This group of Christians provide their own Church building and raised \$73.34 Mex. There were 21 baptisms thereby more than doubling the congregation. The number of baptized Christians in that district is 37. Twenty miles north of the town a fine voluntary work is being done by one of the Christians. The work there is prospering. There are signs of an abundant harvest.

Tailai

The Tailai congregation consists of a small group of Christians who moved in from other places together with a few Christians in the nearby villages. It numbers 22, and contributed \$80.16 during the 9 months since it was organized. As a result of last year's work, there have been 6 baptisms.

Kailu

Kailu is a city of 20,000 in what was part of Inner Mongolia but now the new province of Jehol. It is 60 miles west of T'ungliao, and was formed a number of years ago by some Christians who moved in from other places. This nucleus with Christians from famine stricken provinces,

and those baptized since we began work there makes 50 baptized Christians in the Kailu district. Two earnest preachers carry on a fine work here.

This little group of Christians raised \$278.60 Mex., some of which was sent towards evangelistic work among Chinese in the South Sea Islands.

Pa Mien San Chao

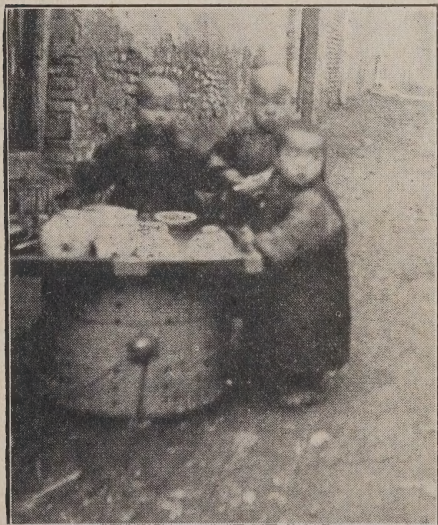
The Pa Mien San Chao is a district where a preacher has lately been stationed. The Christians provide him with a house. This group of Christians is composed of 12 families scattered in 7 villages close together.

From this summary it will be seen that the cause has been steadily advancing, the number of Christians increasing, a larger spirit of liberality in giving. But, above all, the people are eager to listen to the preaching but we are not able to touch even the fringe of the need.

The Place of Music in Manchuria

MRS. J. A. KOFFEND

SITTING by the fire in our room, the quiet of the cold frosty night is broken by a cry or call just outside the window, "Ngo Kuei!" "Ngo Kuei!" It is a man who comes down the street each night selling hot chestnuts, and he "sings" out the word quite musically to a tune like "Mi La Sol".



Tea for Three!

Let us make a trip to the market some morning. On the way we may pass a man carrying a box of knives and all kinds of old implements, who will be singing quite a live little tune. You wonder what makes him so happy that he sings thus early? He is merely telling the world in general that he sharpens to a nice fine edge any kind of knives, scissors, and saws, and such things!

Arriving at the marketplace, we are at once lost in the great babble of sounds and cries—meaningless conglomeration of sounds! Yet to the Chinese

ear, each to-us-meaningless sound has its message, for each seller is using a different "song" to offer his wares and sing their praises; and if we can learn to distinguish these, we will find some are quite fascinating, and sometimes a real musical gem is heard.

Shall we return home by another street and investigate the crowd we see gathered before a large store? (You know the entire front of these shops is taken down through the day, so it opens right on the street). Just inside this shop—which sells ready-made clothes—and to one side, stands a man holding up garment by garment, turning each about that all may see, while to a most "catchy" and arresting air, he sings of the style, the quality, and the price—that you simply *cannot* miss such a bargain!

These few examples serve to show us that, unquestionably, in the commercial sphere—and not only in Manchuria, but all through China—music has a very real and unique place. Instead of doing so much advertising in papers, these men put their wares where you can see them and "sing" to you of their great value!

Startled by a weird sound which pierces through and rises above the other noises, we may find upon investigation that a little bride—hidden in her embroidered crimson sedan chair—is on her way to the groom's home where the marriage will take place; and going before her is a group of musicians to heald her approach. Or, instead, it might be a funeral procession headed by musicians in their fantastic array, playing their flutes and horns (some of which are much like those pictured in the Fall of Jericho!), and clanging their cymbals.

Sometimes one may see a man walking slowly along as he plays a plaintive air on his flute or two-stringed Chinese violin—a blind man is thus announcing his approach, and asking pedestrians and traffic to pity and help him.

Thus, music, we find, is constantly used to express the emotions of the people in their everyday lives, in joy, in sadness and distress. And this is also true in the more strictly religious life, for we find the priests do much chanting in the temple, and the flutes, drums, cymbals, etc., play a very important part in the service.

But what about the place of music in the Christian Church? As you know, the Chinese scale is very different from our scale. Because of this and the fact that the Chinese sing in a nasal high-pitched voice, to the foreign ear the ordinary Chinese congregational singing is not very musical! But they *do* like to sing, and I must say that one often feels during the services that there is more thought about the meaning and more real worship in the hearts of these people as they sing than is often found in our home congregations where much of the singing is thoughtless and mechanical.

As the Christian Church grew out here, naturally the hymns used were

translations of our own dearly loved hymns. In later years some efforts have been made to use Chinese melodies for the hymns, but there are real difficulties in the way. Most of the existing Chinese melodies have been so associated with the theatre or other entertainments as to make it impossible to transfer them to sacred words. Too, formerly, there was little ability developed along the line of originality in composition of sacred music. But new China, among other things, is developing along musical lines; it is not unusual now to hear of young men and women giving quite splendid recitals (mostly piano and voice), and there is stirring a desire to save the best in their own music.

One well known and very consecrated Chinese pastor is making it part

of his work to write real Chinese hymns—often both words and music. He is teaching in a Manchurian seminary where the young pastors-to-be have definite training given in hymnology and leading congregational singing.

During a conference in Szepingkai last summer one of our elders gave a course in music, and a book I saw, made by one of his class, was of a neatness and order to be envied by any home music student. Alas, not yet being a proficient Chinese scholar, I cannot vouch for all the contents, but what I could get of it was good.



Group of Singers—1, Elder Chiang; 7, Mr. Koffend; 6, Pastor Sius' daughter; 2 to 5, children of workers.

little girls (daughters of our Chinese teacher and Pastor, both of whom have sweet voices) sang a very Chinese-y song—all while the bride and groom stood there before the pastor.

Last autumn, in an old theatre seating about a thousand, our church held services for a few days with the building filled. During that time we had our little organ (the gift of Toronto friends), and another even smaller one on the stage. Part of the time Mr. Koffend and I both played while Mr. Li, a young evangelist led; but Mr. Koffend there had his first experience leading singing in Chinese, for part of the time I played alone, while he led and Mr. Li used the pointer on the big hymn sheets. It is very hard to get a Chinese congregation to follow a leader, each goes in his or her own way and time.

At a wedding in our chapel last week we sang "To-day With Gladness We Unite" and two

During these meetings, we taught two of the choruses you all know which, with our teacher, we had translated into Chinese, "I Will Make You Fishers of Men" and "Into My Heart."

Among the favorite hymns most constantly used in our chapel are "No Not One", "He Leadeth Me", "What Can Wash Away My Sins", and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". The children, like those everywhere, love "Jesus Loves Me", "I Am So Glad", and "When He Cometh". They sing the latter especially well.

In our children's meetings, we hope to teach something of time and how to really sing without shouting and straining their little voices, emphasizing that music is a very real way of worshipping our Father. Through these meetings we hope to teach the children who already know Him, more of Jesus, and to draw into the Church, those who do not know Him as their Saviour, and pray that here again "a little child shall lead them."

Country and City Work

Letter Extracts

MISS LUELLA I. CROCKETT

WE are having extremely cold weather, much colder than Toronto and much colder than Pekin. I am sitting over the stove as I write this, with two suits of wool underwear on, a serge dress, two sweaters and a long woolen Chinese gown, and am none too warm. These Japanese houses were never made to keep the cold out. Jack Frost simply walks through. I fill up my stove at night and yet in the morning the water is frozen in the pitcher and my face cloth is frozen stiff. It is quite a bit of fun getting bread, tinned milk, etc., thawed out in the morning before breakfast

This is the busiest time of the year and the time when the native workers go for their holidays if they came from the south. It is the best time for country work as there is less damage from robbers. Yesterday I was at Kiu Chia T'sen, an



Miss Crockett (right), Miss Hockelman (left), and their language teacher, Mr. Yun.

out station of Szepeing kai, about three-quarters of an hour by train. I had never visited this point as we have no women's work there yet, but I wanted to spy out the land as some problems concerning this station are before us to be solved.

No one lives at the chapel, but the bookseller had on a nice fire when we arrived so I sent him off to gather in the women and children. By eleven o'clock we had twenty people which included five men (the total attendance at church last Sunday was seven, so I thought it was pretty good to get twenty.) We taught them a hymn, some Scripture passages and preached to them, Miss Han and I taking turn about. It was two o'clock when we closed the meeting after three full hours and they were still sitting quietly, and listening attentively. It was really a splendid opportunity. I only wish I could go every week.

Since the New Year I have started a Bible class for the women of the west side, and am having it here as it is more comfortable than in the chapel. On the Wednesdays the women's meeting is held in the east chapel for the women of the east side. We are busy each day, visiting the enquirers and those who have been baptized, also those whose knowledge was not sufficient to give them baptism. I feel that just now we need more intensive work rather than extensive. Building up, to my mind, is very essential if we are to have a strong native church.

The Town of a Thousand Lamas

"Chips" from my log of trip from Szepeing kai to

Ke Ken Miao and return

REV. J. A. KOFFEND

ON Tuesday morning at 6.30 the train started for Taonan, Manchuria; that was nothing unusual because the train does that every morning in the week: but to me it was something new for I was starting on my first trip to do "country work." Mr. Reoch had written saying word had reached him to the effect that a very important celebration would take place up in Ke Ken Miao and asking if I would care to accompany him on a trip to sell gospel literature to the thousand or more Lama priests who would be gathered there for this annual occasion.

Thus it was that I was starting for Taonan where I joined Mr. Reoch, a Chinese bookseller, a Mongolian to act as our interpreter, and a cook. The trip turned out so interesting as to warrant a desire to share with our friends in the homeland a few of the "chips" from the log which I kept.

The trip from Szepeing kai to Taonan takes from 7 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and is through a country that corresponds to the prairies of western Canada. There are vast stretches of farmland without a tree, great flocks of ducks flying southward, here and there a number of prairie chickens,

and further in from the railway, wild sheep. Everywhere the farmers were busy getting in the harvest.

Taonan, October 14th, 1930.—Three miles from the railway station lies the city, around it a huge mud wall, except where it was torn down. The roads leading to it were more often than not under water left from the rainy season of August. We went through large and often deep puddles of water. At times the hub of the wheel knew what the water felt like.

This city itself is quite large and busy. When we arrived at the chapel someone was preaching to a group who had come in off the street. Mr. Beoch and I soon retired for the next day brought an early start.

Daylight had scarcely broken on the morning sky when we were packed and on our way back to the station for the trip into Mongolia.

Pai Ch'eng Tze, October 15th, 1930.—After a short train ride we reached the city of *Pai Ch'eng Tze*, and were scarcely off the train when three military police came up and began with "Who are you? What your name? Where are you from? Where are you going? What for? How long will you be there? Are you coming back this way? What's that you have in your pocket (tracts)? What are you going to do with them? Have you a passport? Where is it? Give us your cards,—no! you cannot go on until we are satisfied as to who you are, etc., etc. Come along with us to the police station." There was nothing to do but go.

When we arrived at the police station we explained that we had our passports and everything was in good order, we were just missionaries going up to Ke Ken Miao to preach and sell literature to the Lamas. After some telephoning to the Chief-of-Police we were allowed to proceed on our journey and believe me it took fast work to catch that train! We crossed fields and fields to get to the station where the train awaited which would take us on the last stage of our journey. This railway is a new one, they have not had time as yet to build stations, and we could see the train in the distance. We were some distance from the train when we heard the people calling us to hurry that they were waiting to start. We were, as far as we could learn, the first foreigners to ride on the railway over this newly built line.

Wherever an opportunity afforded we preached, gave tracts, or sold gospel portions to the crowds which would gather to see the foreigners, and that happened in every station, and on the trains. They always asked heaps of questions. Where did you come from? What nationality are you? Where do you live? Where are you going? How old are you? (universal question) How much did the clothes you wear cost? Those shoes you have are foreign-made, where did you buy them? What did they cost? What have you in that package? What are you going to do with it? It is not improper for Chinese to ask questions, and they use that privilege without limitation.

Ke Ken Miao, 3:30 p.m.—We reached *Ke Ken Miao*, Mongolia that afternoon about 3:30 and went on from where the train stopped for about three miles to a Chinese inn situated near the village. But the big surprise was the Town of a Thousand Lamas which could now be seen in the distance, *Ke Ken Miao*! a beautiful looking village built at the foot of some hills, with part of the village taking possession of the slopes of those same hills. There were three large temples built on the square plan, the sides painted white, the roofs a rich red, with spires rising from each of the four corners and glistening in the afternoon sunshine. Around these temples and enclosed by a great wall were the houses of the priests. The streets were so narrow one could stand in the middle and touch both sides easily.

We had hardly reached the inn when a great volume of sound reached

us. In answer to our inquiry the inn-keeper told us that the priests in the temple (half a mile away) were having their afternoon chant. As soon as we got settled in the inn, we hurried off to the headquarters to report our presence in their part of the country. We presented our cards to the guards and asked them to tell their captain that we had our passports if they cared to examine them. After a wait of over half an hour at the gate, during which time we gave out tracts to the



Making a living in Manchuria by picking papers off the street.

soldiers that came around to see who the strangers were, they sent word out to say that everything was alright, and they did not need to see our passports.

As we were quite near the temples we went over to visit them. There were rows upon rows of priests sitting upon little stools and looking toward a great idol, and every few minutes they would chant or mumble their prayers. Once in a while they would grow too loud to suit the head Lama whose thunderous voice would be heard all through the temple, calling them to order. But everywhere we could see the priests laughing and joking with each other. We stood at the door for quite a long time, they didn't seem to mind our being there, but we weren't quite sure, for the things they tell of the cruelty of the Lamas in Tibet isn't encouraging. We watched those who came to worship. They did not enter the temple but

went to the front where there was a large porch with huge pillars,. As they approached one of these pillars they would fall upon their knees, knock their heads on the stone pavement leading to the door, and then kissing one of the pillars on either side of the door, bow and leave. During the hour we were there it was pitiable to see old, old women practically crawl up to the temple to worship. Here again we gave dozens and dozens of tracts with colored pictures to those who came to the temple.

That afternoon one of the head priests invited us to his home and after a little chat we were asked to a feast, to be given us the next day at 11:30 a.m. While there they served us with big bowls of greasy looking tea which I could not touch. The tea comes from China, and after being boiled in water for three or four hours is mixed with a little salt and soda and a great piece of rancid butter made from the milk of the yak.

It began to grow dark so we hurried back to the inn where our servant had supper prepared. The inn was full, very hot and stuffy so I decided to take my camp cot out into the yard and sleep in the open. That greatly amused the crowd who followed me to see what tricks I was up to. I gathered a few poles, tied a piece of canvas which I used to carry my bed in, around them, and such as it was, had a roof over my head. In the morning when I awoke my bed was covered with frost. That night before dark I gathered some more poles together and built a little lean-to hut by the wall and with that same bit of canvas over them made a nice little room, a two candle-power light showed me the way to bed. Inside the inn I could hear them preaching and singing to those who had gathered.

Upon our arrival at the inn I had noticed an elderly man in one corner of the room. The Chinese inn is one long room, with platforms on either side, which form the beds, you provide your own bedding, and a small table for your meals. You are allowed room enough to spread your bedding out, and you pay twenty cents per night, meals extra! Strictly European plan. The old man was a Buddhist priest who had come there to preach his doctrine and collect as much money as possible, and, when our book-seller saw him, "The war began all over again!" They simply preached to each other and at times it was really amusing. The priest found he could "do no business" with those missionaries around, and the book-seller who was a good preacher and knew the arguments against the Buddhist's teaching very well, simply made the dear old fellow quite uncomfortable. I'm sure he must have been very happy to see us depart, and hoped we would stay away. While there he showed us a large well-worn suit case in which, he said, he had all the clothes he had worn out in twenty years. He informed us that the Buddha priest does not take his clothes off until they fall off in rags!

The next morning we again went to the Temple to watch them worship. It was the third of a four days' prayer meeting. Nearly a thousand

priests sit for two hours at a time on the small stools, just big enough to sit with legs folded beneath, and there they pray and sing. They even had their meals brought to the stools. It was a special meal that day of rice, and meat boiled in thick gravy, eaten out of large wooden bowls about twelve inches in diameter. I watched one man empty his bowl three times and he looked as if he wouldn't object to a fourth. Then they called us in for the feast, first of all passing around some more of that "delightful" tea, cookies, and bowls of rice and meat. I took up my chop sticks pretended to eat but must confess I let the rest do the eating.

We brought along enough of the gospels written in Mongolian, to present each man with a copy. We hope and pray that some may have found the Light in reading those pages.

On our way back to the inn a policeman called us back saying, "You are missionaries aren't you? Well, when are you going to give us a Gospel Hall and a Missionary here? We want someone to teach us the Jesus Doctrine." And there in that town lies another tremendous chance.

We arrived back in Taonan at 4:30 that afternoon and at 6:30 that night I had crossed the city, been to the mission compound to get the remainder of my baggage and back across the city to the other station.

While sitting in the train that night a group of policemen who guard the railway from bandits, asked me if I wasn't a missionary and if so would I tell them something about Jesus. I had my Chinese Bible out studying at the time. I had marked many verses for use in personal work and to these I turned having them read for themselves, and then we talked about the verses as we read them. I had several dozen tracts which I have familiarized myself with and after chatting a bit would pass these out one by one talking about them and asking them questions. This went on for two hours, and then duty called them away. A young fellow sitting in the next seat called out in broken English asking who I was and where I was going, and after the usual number of questions the people asked, I invited him to come and sit with me and we would talk. There was a lady with him, and she called out, "What church do you belong to? I am a Christmas." She meant to say Christian, but I understood.

After the young fellow came and sat down I asked him if he were a Christian, he answered in the negative. He told me he was in charge of this new railway over which we had travelled and was on his way south on business. He spoke of how unhappy he was so far north and alone, that gave me the chance to tell him of One who doesn't want people to be unhappy and lonesome. We turned from one passage to another, he often stopping to read the whole of the chapter, before turning the Bible back to me for a further word. It was long after midnight before we stopped. With tears in his eyes he said, "That is wonderful Doctrine, I want to believe it too." The young fellow gave me his name, and asked if when he

returned from this trip, he might call upon me. There was real happiness and it gave me a feeling that it hadn't mattered what we had gone through for here was a splendid chance to tell someone who wanted to know about Jesus.—(Abridged).

In Christ There is No East Nor West

THIS is the day of record-breaking. Few mountain peaks still defy the climber. We have reached to the Pole; we have conquered the air! We send our voice to the ends of the earth. The progress has been tremendous. Are we moving with equal rate in the things of the Spirit or are we of those who look on?

Men have felt the challenge of the mountain, the challenge of the unexplored. Do we feel the challenge of "The World for Christ"? Are we responding in any way commensurate with the challenge?

The air roads have revealed the immense air track over which the Empire flag flies. We hear the call, we must feel the urge. What great and devoted men and women have gone into the field! What brave lives have been offered up! These are but an added challenge to send and *still* send. In the old fighting days, when a man in the British Square fell the next stepped into his place. The Church must be ready with the next man, the next woman.

In 1910, the Christian world was stirred to the depths with the story of a young doctor, Arthur Jackson, who, at the age of 26, had given himself utterly to Christ. He offered himself for medical mission work in China, and landed in Moukden in Manchuria. The plague was raging; in a hospital at Harbin 1,600 plague patients were admitted and 1,600 died. Every train brought infection. What would happen if it reached the densely populated cities? Dr. Jackson volunteered to treat the patients at the railway station, the most dangerous post of all.

"You know the risk, Jackson?" said an old doctor.

"Perfectly, but I am willing to take it."

Day after day he fought the plague. After a week it seemed as if the worst were over, but on the tenth day he realized that the plague had seized him. Dr. Young called to see him.

"Look out, Young, look out, the spit has come."

The fatal froth was on his lips. The next day he passed beyond the shadows. He was 26 years of age.

At his funeral the Chinese Viceroy spoke as if he were speaking to him in the flesh, "O, Dr. Jackson, in life you were brave, now *you* are an excellent saint. Noble spirit who sacrificed your life for us! Help us still and look down in kindness upon us all," and Chinese, standing by, murmured, "He died for us, he died for us."

Dr. Jackson was 26 and had been only ten weeks in the field—ten weeks but he lives on in our hearts and his death and his work are but an added challenge to the missionary spirit of the Church.—From a paper written for the Interstate Conference by Mrs. Crookston, Tasmania, in *Ministering Women*.

The Other Side of the Lantern

MISS J. FLORENCE LANG

“THE Other Side of the Lantern” is a book which is included in courses of reading for travellers. Written by Sir Frederick Treves, Physician to the Royal Family, it gives a vivid picture of a trip around the world. Especially vivid, is the description of the Eastern lands, India and Japan. Sir Frederick has the scientist’s power of observation, and so is able to throw a highly colored picture on our mental screens.

Most of us have had our dreams of Japan’s fairy gardens, India’s tombs and temples, and Pekin’s Forbidden City. It is not given to many to see these wonders with their own eyes, but they may read stories of these far away countries, and the developments of photographic art in recent years have done much to give us glimpses of the daily life of these people beyond the far horizon.

The interest in missions in our own land and in those parts of the South and East in which the Presbyterian Church is working, is a very lively one. The children in our Sunday Schools are learning of the boys and girls in other lands, the young people in our churches are taking an active part in the education of the young people in our mission schools, and at that time in their lives when they are making decisions as to what their life work is to be, is it not essential that they should be given a “World Vision”? “Go ye into *all* the world, and preach the gospel to *every* creature.” The call does not come to all, for duty has many paths, but surely the “Royal Commission” is a challenge to the brightest and best of our young Canadians. When our students are planning their future work, their attention should be directed to the many openings in the mission fields for evangelists, teachers, musicians, kindergarten instructresses, nurses and doctors. Japan demands the highest educational standards, and India’s government will doubtless require the same, when an educational policy is formulated which will include the masses. Where is there a field more fertile, and a promise of a more abundant harvest, than in these lands where the seed of Christianity is still so rare?

The relative importance of the lessons learned through the eye and the ear is a question for psychologists, but we know from our practical experience that we remember better what we see than what we hear. It

may be that seeing requires less effort on our part, but the fact remains. The Lantern Slide Committee has prepared slides on the work of the Presbyterian Church which are available for all departments. These sets may be obtained from the Provincial Lantern Slide Secretaries of the Women's Missionary Society without expense other than transportation both ways, and in case of breakage, the cost of the slide. A missionary message is much more effective if the speaker uses the lantern and slides. Every church should have a lantern for the use of all its organizations. The return will well repay the initial expense. Lecturettes, which should be supplemented by information from our church papers and study books, are sent out with the slides. It is not the aim of the committee to prepare a complete lecture. The lecturette is only an outline. Information must be kept up-to-date, and so it is left to the speaker to add that "spark" which makes the lecture a success. Nor is it intended that all the slides should be used at one time. The wise leader will make a judicious selection.

The sets available are:—

Canada, Churches and Institutions, 64 slides; British Guiana, 83 slides; Japan and Korea, 90 slides; Formosa, 68 slides; Thirty Years in Bhil Land, 64 slides; Across India and Gwalior Mission, 64 slides; Manchuria and China, 45 slides.

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If the application is sent in early, the provincial secretary is able to send the slides so that time is given for preparation. They should be returned immediately after use, as others may be waiting for them. If the time of a study period is limited a selection may be made of the best. Use the slides and tell your story with enthusiasm. Then you will have an up-to-date movie which will leave a good and lasting impression at "The Other Side of the Lantern".

*Rise, happy morn; rise, holy morn;
Draw forth the cheerful day from night;
O Father, touch the east, and light
The light that shone when hope was born.*

—ALFRED TENNYSON, "In Memoriam."

Books Old and New

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

MANY requests have come in from Young Women's groups for up-to-date books on world conditions, for special reading and study courses, and to meet these we are again recommending the following books. A few of these might be purchased by a reading circle in which say half a dozen people buy one each, and then exchange each with the others. Many have found this method beneficial, after which they may, if they desire, donate them to the Auxiliary library.

World conditions are changing rapidly, and no woman can afford to miss knowing something about the economic and political conditions in other countries, because this knowledge gives the best reasons why spiritual aid should be given to assist other races in working out their great problems.

THE CLASH OF WORLD FORCES is Basil Mathews' new book, in which he gives, in a bright style, the living issues of the present day. Lenin, Gandhi, Sun Yat-Sen and Mussolini are leaders who are described frankly, together with their various methods and aims. It is packed with knowledge in a very attractive form. Price 60c. per copy, paper bound.

OUT OF BONDAGE, by Stephen Neill, gives a delightfully true picture of life in India in the villages. He believes that the great multitude of Indian villages presents the greatest opportunity the Church has had for a thousand years. Price each 60c.

Other books reviewed before but of great value for missionary reading are:

A WAKING WORLD, by Stanley High, one of the best, 75c.

ROADS TO THE CITY OF GOD, by Basil Mathews, price 50c.

INDIA IN THE DARK WOOD, by Nichol McNichol, price 90c.

THE BLACK BEARDED BARBARIAN, by Marian Keith, is the life of Dr. G. L. MacKay of Formosa, price \$1.50.

THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE IN RELATION TO NON-CHRISTIAN SYSTEMS is from the Jerusalem Conference, \$1.50.

THE HINDU is an excellent story of the Indian history and problems of that amazing country, price 35c.

For the Mission Bands **THE MISSIONARY TOLD IT** is the splendid little book of stories from our own fields, price 25c.

THE LEADER OF A MISSION STUDY CIRCLE is a little book of suggestions from the Church of Scotland, price each 15c.

Other leaflets and booklets are available, if those requiring same will specify about what it is they desire.

RACHEL, by Agnes Scott Kent, is a new book of fiction which gives the story of a Jewish girl's conversion to Christianity in a graphic and intimate way, that shows very clearly the need of work among the Jews and also the great difficulty those who claim Christ face in convincing their

relatives. It is the sort of book one finishes before setting it aside. Price per copy, \$1.50.

PRESBYTERIAN WORK ACROSS CANADA is a set of leaflets in an attractive pocket, with which a map of Canada is given. Don't forget to secure your set, and keep it for reference. Price 35c.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

Easter Day

AND they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.—JOHN 20: 13-18.

Prayer

"Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, Which was crucified. He is not here; for he is risen."—MATT. 28: 5, 6.

ALL-GLORIOUS Father of spirits, Who dwellest in eternity; in wonder and rejoicing, I lift my heart to Thee, who hast planted in me the faith and hope that look beyond the grave. Let Christ's risen life dwell in me this day, that I may rise with Him above all that wars against my soul, into clean thoughts, holy affections, and power to serve Thee with freedom and joy. Help me to purify myself even as He was pure, to deny every evil inclination, and to live the life of goodness, truth and love. Keep high within me the faith by which I may overcome the world. Give me a firm assurance that nothing now can separate me from Thy love, and that over all dark and hostile things I may be more than conqueror, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Grant, I beseech Thee, O God, that wherever His disciples may gather this day He may be in the midst of them, and say, "Peace be unto you," and breathe on them His Spirit. And wherever any are sad and downcast let Him draw near to them, to open to them the Scriptures and turn their sorrow into joy. Amen.

—From "A Day Book of Prayer."

YOUNG WOMEN

Introduction to China

IMAGINE going to a missionary meeting and finding yourself at a Chinese party! Gay Chinese lanterns, bright Chinese costumes, guests sitting on the floor and Chinese tea and rice served in dinky little oriental bowls. This was the method of introducing the first chapter of the study book "Over the Seas to China" which was followed by one group. This party was so unusual there was no doubt of the interest the group would have in a further study of China. If any other groups have put on this kind of party we would be glad to hear from them and their mode of procedure.

And Now to India

How many are using "The Hindu" in the study of India? This is one of the most condensed books of information on India we have found.

One group using it introduced the study in the following way: Four girls were chosen to prepare the papers for the first meeting, two of whom had never attempted anything of this nature before. In order to avoid the nervousness of a first attempt, the four met together and rehearsed their papers before one another. This had two advantages—they became accustomed to the sound of their own voices and it brought them into a close sympathy in the presentation of their material.

The programme for the year for the group is to be carried out according to the following lines:

1. The Historic Background
2. The Religious Background
3. The British Government in India
4. The Story of Protestant Missions to India.
5. The Bhil Field and our Missionaries
6. Gwalior Field and our Missionaries

Show slides on our work in India, and end with a debate.

Thoughts for the Meeting

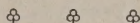
Stanley High in his book "A Waking World" says, "No one can seriously doubt that we are on the verge of a drastic revision of our relationship with the non-white world. The rapid spread of the missionary's gospel is a factor in bringing that change and, equally important is the best guarantee that it can be accomplished without unloosing upon us the forces of unreasoning destruction."

"In Africa and throughout Asia, in fact, the programme of foreign missions represents now, as it has always represented, the one uniformly unselfish contact between the white and the non-white worlds."

Keep Thou Thy Dreams

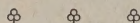
Keep thou thy dreams,
The tissue of all wings is woven first of them.
From dreams are made the precious and imperishable things,
Whose loveliness lives on and does not fade.

—*Selected.*



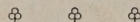
“Though poverty-stricken and few in number, the Japanese Christians raise two million yen annually for Christian church work. To the Japanese newspapers it is axiomatic that Christianity is common sense. Daily papers with over a million circulation publish articles on Christianity every day without any hesitation. Although the anti-Christian Soviet movement is strong in Japan, the idealistic Christian movement is stronger yet.”

—*Toyokiko Kagawa.*



“Make your meeting discussional. Exchange of ideas and ideals is undoubtedly one of the most fruitful of exchanges. We exchange much these days. ‘You have a dollar, I have a dollar; we exchange. Now you have my dollar, I have your dollar; we’re no better off. But—you have an idea, I have an idea; we exchange. Now you have two ideas, I have two ideas; that’s the difference!’”

—*Sue Weddell.*



A Japanese student said: “The strange thing about Jesus is that one cannot get away from Him.” There is something in Christ which pursues us, something in His teachings that will not let us alone; something that makes us feel ill at ease when we disobey His commands; that demands decision when we face Him. His religion is the simplest and at the same time the most difficult religion in the world. It is the simplest because it deals with the familiarities of life. It reveals the significance and the meaning of these experiences. It is the most difficult religion in the world because it asks us to attempt the hardest tasks. It challenges us to try the impossible. And because it is at the same time the simplest and the most difficult religion in the world that it is hard to escape Jesus. The simplicity of His religion commands our admiration; the difficulty challenges our discipleship.

—*Benjamin F. Farber.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

A VISIT TO CANTON AND THE "HACKETT MEDICAL COLLEGE"

MISS J. FLORENCE LANG

ABOUT the middle of February, our ship lay at anchor in the harbor of Hong Kong. It was necessary to make an early start, as a full day was before us. Ten minutes by ferry brought the party to Kowloon, on the mainland, where a modern and comfortable train was waiting for the trip to Canton.

The country through which we travelled was very fertile. There were



Easter Greetings from Dr. Jessie MacBean, nurses and babies at "Hackett" Hospital.

many market gardens, where the Chinese farmers were working. Some wore great lamp-shade hats, others straw hats with a peak in the middle, and their clothes consisted of dark trousers and shirts. There were feathery green bamboo trees, plum trees in blossom, and beautiful red hibiscus bushes. Sugar cane is very plentiful, and rice fields, where water buffalo used by the Chinese for farm work

were knee deep in the soft moist earth. High on the hillsides we noticed many burial places, hewn out of the rock and faced with brick and cement. From the train they looked like huge white horseshoes. A quick run of about one hundred miles up the rich Pearl River Valley brought us to Canton.

Stepping out of the train, I was delighted to find Dr. Jessie MacBean waiting to take us to the "Hackett Medical College." She had secured a motor, and so leaving the ship party, we were soon going at a lively pace through the main streets of the city, crowded with sedan chairs, rickshas, motor cars and electric trams. As the street in front of the hospital was being paved, it was more convenient to leave the motor and walk through some of the narrow streets which led to the back gate. We were very glad of this chance to see some of "real China". The houses which fronted this narrow stone-paved lane were occupied by Chinese families who were well-to-do. We could not see into the houses, but the doors were well-barred.

Some children were playing in the street. We met a procession which was carrying provisions of a Chinese bride to her new home—little carts containing peanuts dyed red and blue, roast ducks and iced cakes of many colors. Farther along the street we saw the sedan chair covered with red and gold trimmings, which was to carry the bride.

Then we arrived at the hospital gate, a small one in the high wall, and stepped "over and in" to the college grounds, passing the kitchens, we came into the garden where many lovely flowers were blooming and, crossing the verandah, passed into the cool entrance hall. The dining room was on the right, and here some of the staff were waiting to meet us. Dr. MacBean's room was off the dining room. While Dr. MacBean had a bite to eat, the superintendent offered to show us over the hospital. The chapel was a beautiful restful room, furnished with light wood, like oak, with a bowl of flowers on the reading desk. A reception room was furnished with black wood, native work, with marble tops. There were offices and record rooms opening off this hall. Records of all the students are kept, and many graduates are doing good work among their own people. It was holiday time, so there were not many students. We saw two bright attractive Chinese girls who were working in a laboratory. On a window sill outside one of the wards, we saw a small parcel and were advised not to go too near. It was a piece of dried fish which had been brought to one of the patients. The odor does not improve with age but the Chinese consider it a great treat.

The superintendent thought our visit would not be complete without a view from the top of the building, so we climbed up the tiled roof, and had a splendid view. The extent of the city was less than we expected considering the population (1,367,680) but that is explained by the fact that many thousands live all their lives in sampans on the river. Our attention was drawn to a very high wall topped with broken glass, which surrounded the college property. We inquired if this was necessary for protection. The superintendent informed us that their Chinese neighbors insisted on having this to keep away the Christian devils. In a canal or river at the side of the hospital water chestnuts were growing. Away in the distance, we could see the Flowery Pagoda, the buildings of St. Paul's Boys' School, and the Five Storied Pagoda.

When we came down, Dr. MacBean was ready to take us sight-seeing, but in the few minutes left we had a hurried trip through her own part of the building—the baby ward. Cramped for space, she had spent her last donation—\$300 from Miss Gemmell of Sarnia—to enclose a verandah, which gave her extra space, and provided an operating and a waiting room, which was much needed. Dr. MacBean was especially proud of the floor in the operating room, which was a pretty shade of blue cement. But the equipment is limited and more is badly needed.

(To be continued)

TREASURE BOOKS

Any groups which have prepared Treasure Books on the year's study may send them direct to Winnipeg for May 26th, when the Biennial Meeting of Council takes places. Address them to Mrs. R. F. Rorke, 160 Home Street, Winnipeg.

Don't miss reading "The Place of Music in Manchuria" (page 130).

MISSION BANDS

EASTER PROGRAMME

Hymn.—"The Strife is O'er" (214).

May be sung as part song, 5th verse in unison

Bible Lesson.—Matt. 28th.

Prayer.—By Leader.

Prayers.—By Band members.

Hymn.—"Jesus Christ is Risen" (215)

Minutes and Business.

Offering and Prayer of thanksgiving.

Hymn.—"Can a Little Child Like Me" (719)

Questionnaire.—Why is Easter a glad time?

Solo or Duet.

Address or Story.

Closing Hymn.—"Now the Day is Over" (681)

(Suggestion—That Auxiliary members and mothers be invited.)

AN EASTER MESSAGE

MRS. J. W. DILL

WELL done Mission Banders! Why do I write, well done? Because through your five cent offering you have sent in money enough to furnish "The M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home" in Amkhut, India.

Now the message for this glad Easter time is: This year, from the money you send into our treasury we will pay Miss Soutar's salary. She will be your own nurse. And your money, too, will help save the little Bhil babies. I am sure this will be good news to our Mission Bands. Pray for "The Home", your nurse, the babies and for dear Miss Robson who has planned for and carried out the plans for "The Abey Home".

Miss Soutar writes of the loss to a dear mother of her twin babies and adds, "Oh, how anxious this has made us to start work in the Home, where such little ones will receive proper care."

Miss Soutar tells in a letter to Mrs. McMurrich, written in January last, that the cement floors were being laid, so the Home will soon be ready for furnishing. She sends you this message, Mission Banders:—

“I have a picture of the Home as it will look when finished and filled with happy little brown babies and children. Wouldn't it be nice if our Canadian children could visit us some day? I know they would love the little Bhils, not only because they had furnished the Home, but because the little Bhils are so lovable.”

Boys and girls, you cannot follow your pennies and see these little ones whom Jesus loves, but you can pray and give, and a blessing will surely come to each and every one of our Mission Banders.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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CALGARY P.S. annual meeting was held in Grace Church, Calgary, January 28th. The President, Mrs. R. S. Gibson, presided at all sessions. Reports were received from 14 Auxiliaries with a membership of 329; 4 strong Y.W. Auxiliaries and one Associate Society with a membership of 62; 15 C.G.I.T. organizations; 11 Mission Bands; 119 Home Helpers.

The Treasurer, Mrs. J. Begg, reported total contributions of \$2,965.87. Mrs. Gardner reported 406 subscriptions to *Glad Tidings*, an increase of 18. Value of supplies for the year amounted to \$175. Ninety bales were sent to Fort McMurray Hospital, “Rolland M. Boswell” Hospital, Boys’ School Home, Vegreville, Christmas gifts and subscriptions to Canadian magazines were also sent to four northern workers, and *Glad Tidings* subscriptions renewed for Calgary Public Library. Sales of literature reported by Mrs. Findlay amounted to \$103.18.

Interesting letters regarding the work in Northern Alberta from Miss Macdonald of Pouce Coupe were read. The Y.W. Auxiliaries and C.G.I.T. Groups presented a musical and dramatic programme in the evening.

A matter of mingled regret and rejoicing is the re-organization of the MacLeod Presbyterial, regret because Calgary Presbyterial will lose four strong Auxiliaries with whom associations have always been of a happy and helpful nature, rejoicing because this means the advance of our Church’s influence. We extend greetings and congratulations to our sister Presbyterial.

St. John’s Auxiliary, Medicine Hat, has enjoyed a successful year. The allocation was met. The annual reports of every department were most encouraging. They were favored with a visit from the Provincial President, Mrs. Allott, which was greatly enjoyed. The Y.W.A., C.G.I.T. and Mission Band are all active organizations.

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VICTORIA P.S. held its annual meeting, February 5th, in St. Andrew's Church. Mrs. Ledingham, Provincial President, conducted the morning's devotions, and during the afternoon gave a practical and inspiring address. Departmental reports were read and all showed a steady increase and were evidences of faithful service and courage.

An able staff of officers was elected with Mrs. C. M. LaPointe as President. Mrs. Ledingham installed the new officers with an impressive ceremony. Mrs. Cotsford, the retiring President, was presented with a sheaf of flowers in appreciation of her four years' devoted work.

Mrs. Macqueen's report of Chinese work was very encouraging. The Chinese women were successful in meeting their allocation, and contributed beautiful garments for the supply work.

A Committee was formed to ascertain the feasibility of establishing summer camps in Victoria or vicinity.

Knox Church, Victoria, has a new Mission Band, with a membership of 17. By unanimous vote the name the "Joseph McCoy" Mission Band was adopted in honor of the beloved pastor who served the Church for twenty years. A Mission Band has also been reorganized in St. Andrew's Church. The Chinese Mission Band and C.G.I.T. have been very active and have made contributions to the supply work and treasury.

Westminster P.S. held its annual meeting in Fairview Church, Vancouver, February 10th, with a good attendance. Mrs. R. M. Thomson was re-elected President. A number of the other officers were also re-elected and several new names added to the list.

Departmental reports were very helpful and encouraging. The Treasurer's report showed that \$3,946 was raised during the past year. At the supper hour greetings were extended from Synod, Presbytery, Provincial and the Presbyterian Young People's Association. Addresses were given by Mrs. J. F. McLean, deaconess at large, and Rev. Mr. Fowler. In every way it was a most successful annual meeting and the officers and members look forward to the coming year's work with confidence and hope, trusting that their efforts will be blessed by the Master.

Interesting reports have come in from Richmond Church, Vancouver, of two very successful meetings held recently, showing that the members are active and willing workers for the W.M.S.

A number of the Auxiliaries tell of the interest taken in the new study book, "Ambassadors of Good Will".

The World Day of Prayer was observed in all parts of the province. The members of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church assisted in the services.

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SUPERIOR P.S.—The "Margaret Hogarth" Mission Band of First Presbyterian Church, Westfort, held a Valentine social February 9th. More than fifty children were present. A special missionary offering was taken in a nicely decorated valentine box. The children were divided into two groups; the smaller ones being in charge of Helen Farrow and the older ones under Mrs. George Aitken, the Superintendent. Refreshments were served at tables decorated with valentine favors, and valentines were distributed to those present. The heart hunt was won by Ella McClymont.

Miss Smellie, Port Arthur, addressed St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary, Fort William, on the spiritual significance of the hymns of our Church and suggested a closer study of them.

The World Day of Prayer was observed in West Fort William, Fort William and Port Arthur, all churches taking part in the meetings, which were well attended and proved to be a spiritual feast to all.

St. Andrew's C.G.I.T., Fort William, held a delightful valentine party in the S. S. hall. The guests of the evening were the Boy Scouts. Over one hundred were present. There was a good programme and supper.

Winnipeg P.S.—In January, an illustrated lecture, "Thirty Years in the Bhil Land, India" was given in St. John's Church, Winnipeg, by the Young Women's Auxiliary. Miss Mamie Todd, deaconess, who is President, occupied the chair. The descriptions of the various slides were read by Mrs. J. S. Flook. Several vocal numbers were contributed. The pastor, Rev. T. Owen Hughes, closed the meeting with prayer.

At the February meeting of First Church W.M.S. Mrs. Herbert Sellers gave an interesting address on our Indian work in Canada and the Women's Missionary Society. There was sincere rejoicing among the members when Mrs. Sellers read a letter from Mrs. Goforth stating that her husband's operation was successful and that they were looking forward to returning to their beloved work in China.

St. John's Church W.M.S. held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Polson. The reports submitted by the Secretaries were encouraging and the allocation exceeded that of last year. An interesting paper was given on the Women of the Bible.

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PROVINCIAL ANNUAL MEETING AT WINDSOR,—RAILWAY INFORMATION

GOING tickets and certificates will be issued April 16th to April 21st, inclusive, and properly validated certificates will be honored for tickets for the return journey up to and including April 27th. Delegates will

please remember to buy a single first class ticket asking at time of purchase for a standard certificate.

Kingston P.S. annual meeting convened in St. Andrew's Church, Belleville, February 10th. The attendance was good, and a spirit of hopefulness and interest prevailed. The address of Mrs. Ellen Anderson, Provincial Supply Secretary, inspired the Presbyterial to renewed effort. Rev. F. G. Vesey, Toronto, spoke on the problems facing the church at this time.

Maitland P.S. reports a year of progress, with increases in membership, *Glad Tidings* subscriptions, supplies, Y.W. work, and the best year in the history of the Home Helpers department. Executive meetings were held in May, August, and January.

Ottawa P.S. annual meeting was held in Knox Church, Ottawa, in January. Reports from all branches were encouraging, especially those of Mission Bands and Y.W. Auxiliaries. Sectional meetings held in the summer proved helpful. The allocation was reached, and a larger amount undertaken. Each year sees a steady growth in this Presbyterial. Speakers were Miss Jean McGregor and Mrs. Geo. MacKay.

Toronto P.S.—The evening service for young women, in connection with the World Day of Prayer, was observed in ten churches of different denominations on February 20th. This service was organized last year by the late Miss Janet Haig, with an evening meeting in Central Presbyterian Church. Her hope and faith that it might lead to something greater has been amply fulfilled this year.

The young people of Richmond Hill, Thornhill and Willowdale churches presented a bouquet of roses to Miss Laura Pelton, Field Secretary, during a social hour which followed the last of Miss Pelton's lectures on missions at Thornhill.

In Memoriam

Chatham P.S.—Jessie Linton Mission Band, St. Andrew's Church, Puce, feels deeply the loss of their loved Treasurer and Organist, Miss Mildred Clark, whose call to higher service came suddenly.

QUEBEC

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MONTREAL P.S.—The seventeenth annual meeting was held in Melville Church, Westmount, February 3rd and 4th. The President, Mrs. A. W. Lamb, presided. Rev. Wm. Orr Mulligan, pastor of the Church, welcomed the delegates.

The Secretaries' reports showed notable growth in some departments, with a slight falling off in others. Whether progress was recorded or disappointment in achievement expressed, all alike gave unspoken testimony

to consecrated effort and unstinted and devoted leadership. Much progress was reported among the Home Helpers. A "prayer sheet" had been drawn up, with the hope of developing small prayer groups among isolated members. Two conferences were held, resulting in the formation of a group in Elgin; 10 groups increased their givings, one increased in membership from 4 to 44. Mission Bands made marked progress in membership and contributions, having contributed \$1,077.18 and sent in supplies valued at \$294.08. Grateful acknowledgement was made of a beautiful banner from Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morton, for presentation to the most deserving out-of-town Bands. The Young Women's Secretary reported that individual Auxiliaries have increased their membership. All have met their allocations and six exceeded it. One Auxiliary reports its givings as entirely voluntary, another tells of membership trebled. Girls' work has fallen short of the high aim of its Secretary. While deserved tribute is paid devoted leaders, a lack of leaders is deplored. All allocations were met, many exceeded in the Supply Department.

Total value of supplies, including gifts of money, amounted to \$2,096, an increase of \$440. Subscribers to *Glad Tidings* number 1,616, an increase of 200. Literature sales almost doubled those of last year; 24 Auxiliaries now have Literature Secretaries; 276 study books were sold, receipts \$425.50. The Library Department distributed much valuable literature. The Life Membership Secretary issued 8 Honorary, 29 Life, 13 In Memoriam and 9 Junior Certificates. The Corresponding Secretary reported a total membership of 3,738. The sum of \$17,010 was forwarded to the Provincial Treasurer, this amount being \$360 above the allocation.

Greetings were brought from Quebec Provincial by Mrs. I. C. Sharp. At the afternoon session it was a delight to welcome Mrs. William Gauld, our devoted missionary in Formosa. Out of the wealth of her thirty-eight years' service among "my people" as they were affectionately termed, Mrs. Gauld gave many pictures of her life in the beautiful island. Mrs. Ballantyne took as her theme "Christian Citizenship"; urging us to show in our daily contacts the practical value of our faith in Him Who taught the kindlier way of loving service, leading to a happier, fuller and more gracious life.

At the evening meeting Rev. George H. Donald, D.D., Moderator, brought greetings from Montreal Presbytery. Mrs. Lamb gave her Presidential address. Rev. David Scott, M.A., B.D., of Knox-Crescent Church, followed with an eloquent and inspiring address. He paid a high tribute to the youth of to-day, but to reach noblest ends individual lives must be truly consecrated to God's service.

At the closing session the devotions were led by Mrs. G. W. Grier. Reports of short conferences, replacing the question box, were submitted, followed by the election of officers and the prayer of consecration.

An invitation to hold the next annual meeting in MacVicar Memorial Church was accepted.

Changes in Secretaries are—Home Helpers, Mrs. C. W. Stackhouse; Y.W. Assistant Sec., Miss Dorothy R. Coles; Mission Band, Mrs. W. J. Muir; Girls' Work, Miss Marion D. Ross; *Glad Tidings*, Miss Jessie Wilson; Exchange, Mrs. W. D. Reid.

Young Women's Rally

A largely attended Young Women's rally was held in Knox-Crescent Church hall, February 2nd. Mrs. J. Forbes Fowlie presided. The devotions were conducted by members of MacVicar Memorial and Stanley Y.W. Auxiliaries. Rev. David Scott welcomed the delegates to Knox-Crescent Church. Interesting reports were read by young ladies representing the various Auxiliaries. Wonderful results were shown even in cases where workers were few in number. Mrs. Lereine Ballantyne, Toronto, spoke on "The Inspiration of Our Work" and Mrs. W. D. Reid on "Overseas Missions". Both speakers brought vividly before the audience the vast opportunities for service at home and abroad.

Quebec P.S.—The seventeenth annual meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, February 10th, was well attended. The President, Miss R. R. Scott, presided. Secretarial reports told of a year of activity and growing interest and of earnest workers in small communities. In the afternoon Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, Montreal, gave an interesting address on the career of seventeen young Canadian women who have gone out to our overseas fields. Miss H. D. Rhind, Literature Secretary, spoke on the value of the literature, not only as a guide in the different departments of mission work, but as a help to small groups in isolated places. The Rev. Dr. Gordon gave a short address.

Notice of Addition to By-laws

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SASKATCHEWAN

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PRINCE ALBERT-SASKATOON P.S.—The annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, January 21st and 22nd. The President, Mrs. W. G. Brown, presided. Considering the year, the reports, on the whole, were very encouraging. Mrs. H. R. Horne, Provincial President, and Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, were both in atten-

dance and proved to be of great assistance throughout the sessions. Miss Lamont was the special speaker at the evening meeting January 21st. Mrs. H. R. Horne, in conducting the ceremony of the installation of officers, left this thought with us—that while lone workers can accomplish good things, success in all organizations really depends upon the co-operation and congenial comradeship of its officials and members.

Miss Lamont is to work in the Presbyterial for some time.

Parkview Auxiliary regrets the serious illness of their President, Mrs. McTavish and extends sincere wishes for a speedy recovery. Miss Steenson was in charge of the February meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. McLaren. Miss Lamont addressed the meeting and also the February meeting in connection with St. Andrew's W.M.S.

Kindersley W.M.S. Auxiliary reports a very interesting February meeting when the delegate to the Presbyterial took charge.

Moose Jaw P.S.—The Young People's Society of Knox Presbyterian Church, Moose Jaw, were in charge of the service one Sunday evening. The President, Miss Julia Olson, conducted the meeting. Mr. Wm. Ogilvie gave an interesting address on "Worship". A trio was given by Allan Findlay, Harold Coward and Reuben Hillson. Mr. Tom Findlay showed lantern slides illustrating the persecution of the early Christians, and Mrs. Findlay read the accompanying lecture. Miss Grace Findlay presided at the piano. There is no minister at this church at present and it was rather fine of the young people to take this service with all the detail it involved.

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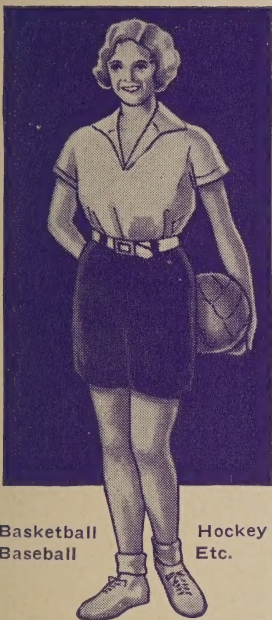
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January and February, 1931

RECEIPTS		
A Friend, "Chinese work in Toronto"	\$ 20.00	
Chinese in Victoria, "Miss Chan's Salary"	120.00	
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Ontario	2,800.00	
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DISBURSEMENTS		
South Porcupine Hospital	\$1,015.13	
McMurray Hospital	296.66	
Canora Hospital	1,511.32	
Vegreville Hospital	561.66	
FINANCIAL SURVEY		
Balance on hand December 31st, 1930	\$136,225.15	
Receipts	10,517.95	
Disbursements		\$ 33,716.17
Bank Balance		50,202.66
Pension Fund		8,022.71
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Editorial

THE General Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada met in St. Andrew's Institute, Toronto, March 17th. The sessions continued throughout the week, three each day. In the regrettable absence through illness of the convener, Rev. D. R. Drummond, D.D., of Hamilton, Rev. Robt. Johnston, D.D., of Ottawa, presided. Dr. A. S. Grant was the Secretary. Besides the forty-seven members of the Board which included ten representatives from the W.M.S. (West) and three from the W.M.S. (East), the following missionaries were present: Mr. G. W. Mackay, of Formosa, son of the late George Leslie Mackay, founder of the Formosa Mission, and Mrs. Mackay; Rev. Geo. H. Nicol, British Guiana, and Rev. Allan Reoch, of Manchuria.

It was a meeting without parallel both for inspiration and the sweep of its outlook. The personnel of the members was as varied as the subjects under discussion, but each brought to the consideration of the different problems a diverse gift and an earnest, courageous, courteous attitude. It was the meeting of a great court in a great cause. It was Presbyterianism at its best.

Outstanding in our memory and tremendously impressive were the striking figures presented by the Synodical Missionaries showing the growth and development of the home field. To instance just three:—

In Northern Ontario and Eastern Manitoba, "No fields have been closed and no men have been recalled for any reason whatsoever." The year closed with all self-supporting churches augmented charges and mission fields without a single vacancy. More calls for new fields to be opened up have come to hand than in any year since 1925. In Algoma, in March, 1925, there were 2 preaching points, 231 members, and church property valued at \$40,000. In 1931, there are 11 preaching points, 1,405 members, with property valued at \$133,000.

In Alberta, "All the winter fields were supplied. The corner stone of a new church at Banff was laid by the Rev. Dr. Baird, Moderator. As one has said, 'It was the corner stone of the highest Presbyterian Church in Canada and was laid by the highest official of the Church.' The greatest progress has been in the Peace River country. The call is for more workers. Conditions may or may not improve financially this year, but if the heart of our people is right, hard times may prove

a blessing, and out of straightened circumstances there may come forth a richer spiritual life which will reveal itself in a Macedonian liberality to the cause of Christ both at home and abroad."

From Saskatchewan and Northern Manitoba came this ringing message: "It is evident to all that economic conditions have produced situations exceedingly difficult, yet I am able to report that in not a single instance has one of our mission fields been closed. All honor to the people who economized in all other directions first that the church services might be continued." The great mission field of the Presbytery of Brandon lies on the far north of the province from The Pas north to Cranberry, Portage, Flinflon and Sherridon, and northeast 550 miles to Churchill on Hudson's Bay. In The Pas a lot has been purchased for a church site at a cost of \$1,500 and paid for with the assistance of a grant from the W.M.S. and private contributions. In Saskatchewan, notwithstanding the depression three new churches have been erected this summer and one purchased. A modern writer has said, "The greatest danger of Christianity is not from unbelievers without who attack it but from the believers within who belittle it. God calls us to a great service. The Church refuses that call at her peril."

Vivid with encouragement and cheer was the story of the work in India, Formosa, Manchuria, China, British Guiana and Japan. Special interest centred in the report of Formosa, read by Mr. G. W. Mackay, the son of Dr. George Leslie Mackay, founder of the mission, and that on the work in Manchuria by Rev. Allan Reoch, a furloughed missionary. Outstanding in the India report was the welcome of all classes to Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan on their return to the Bhil field, and the heartening news from the Gwalior field of the completion of the Industrial School at Jhansi in memory of the late Dr. Wilkie.

The story of the welcome to Dr. Buchanan stands by itself. It was a great moment in the life of the veteran missionary as he passed through the way made by his adoring people. To quote his own words, "When we got out of the motor the children were called up the hillside in rows as we stood in front of the bungalow, and as they passed in line, one could lay a hand on the head of each and breathe a blessing. Then preachers and teachers who when we first came to Amkhut were rugged wild Bhils, were now getting gray but having a light on their faces that was other than that of the incantations of the witch doctor. They have seen Christ. They are a noble lot, preachers, licentiates, elders, teachers, rank and file of believers, all wanting at least a handshake. Young and old joined in the exalting praiseful shout making the hills echo with 'Bol! Yishu Masih Ki Jai,' (Victory to Jesus Christ). There was much rejoicing yet some

wept as they came forward to greet their old Sahib leaning on his two sticks."

The diversity of our work in Canada was shown in the reports of the non Anglo-Saxon work including Hungarian, Scandinavian, Italian, Ukrainian and Chinese.

Much interest centered in the presentation to the Board of the missionary candidates appointed by the W.M.S. (east and west), to overseas and national work.

To Overseas Work.—Miss Hildur Hermanson, nurse, to the "Mackay" Memorial Hospital, Formosa; Miss Isabel Taylor, Orillia, music teacher and evangelistic worker in Formosa, both under the W.M.S. (West).

To National Missions.—Miss Freida Matthews, to the teaching staff "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ont., W.M.S. (West); and Miss McDougall, deaconess, to Glace Bay, Cape Breton, and Miss G. Roy, deaconess, to Strathecona, N.S., both by the W.M.S. (East).

Equally impressive was the appointment of some 135 young men to the mission fields in Canada for the summer, and it was equally gratifying that they were from our own Canadian colleges and bona fide students for the ministry.

We can but mention the message of the Moderator with its tribute to the splendid spirit of our people, their solidity, stability, resolution and enthusiasm, and the simple dignified service of remembrance for the late beloved Rev. D. G. McQueen, D.D., of Edmonton, which brought home to all hearts the truth of the statement, "Buildings may fall but influence endureth."

IN order that our readers may keep in remembrance the meeting of the Council, May 26th to 31st, in Winnipeg, the following general outline of the programme for each day is given.

Tuesday, at 2 p.m.—opening session. The Treasurer's annual statement; reports of Organizations; greetings from Eastern Division by Miss Jean MacGregor, and a representative of the National Girls' Work Board; C.G.I.T. Affiliation Service.

Wednesday, 10 a.m.—Reports of Publications and Publicity departments, Hospital and School Homes. Speaker, Miss D. Jenkinson, East Selkirk. Two p.m.—Overseas Reports—British Guiana, Japan, Manchuria, South China. Address on Formosa by Mrs. G. W. Mackay, and on India by Mrs. Hawtin. Public evening meeting—a message from the Moderator. Speakers, Mr. A. Hawtin, Jhansi; Rev. E. A. Wright, Peace River; Mr. G. W. Mackay and Mrs. H. A. MacMillan.

Thursday, 10 a.m.—Business and conference. 2 p.m.—Reports of Indian Residential Schools, Orientals in Canada, Y.W. Auxiliaries, Student and Candidates Departments. Addresses by our Field Secretaries.

Evening—Young Women's night. Addresses by Miss Agnes McDonald and Mrs. Hunt, and playlet depicting Candidates Committee work.

Friday, 10 a.m.—Business. 2 p.m.—Vesper service at Old Kildonan Church. The presentation of medals and service of remembrance for the late D. G. McQueen, D.D., of Edmonton; addresses by Mrs. Mackenzie of Gonor and Dr. McBeth, Vancouver.

A prayer service will be held each morning from 9.30 to 9.50.

All the meetings are open to the public and we do ask that the members will follow in definite prayer the different sessions.

THE International and Interdenominational Department, which does so much to cement and extend the bonds of friendship between Sister Societies, has again this year provided us with a number of interesting facts from different parts of the Empire.

Mrs. James Gray, Johannesburg, International Correspondent of the Women's Association, Presbyterian Church, South Africa, says that amongst the women of South Africa there is a longing for earnest Bible teaching, and their Christian liberality is wonderful. Copies of the *Presbyterian Churchman*, a monthly paper, have been sent, and our magazine *The Glad Tidings* is much appreciated.

Mrs. Hey, Sydney, Australia, in the 38th annual report of the Women's Association of the Presbyterian Church, N.S.W., speaks of new branches formed, the extensive work of the Girls' Auxiliary, and of work amongst the aborigines, and says: "The growing recognition by the public of Australia of the debt we owe to the aborigines, and of the help the various Missions are giving in repaying that debt, must be an encouragement to those who have so long given their interest to these people." This Society's magazine, *Ministering Women*, is received as an exchange and is most interesting and helpful. Extracts from it appear from time to time in the *Glad Tidings*.

The annual review of the work of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union, Dunedin, New Zealand, has been received through Mrs. R. Inglis. It tells of the outstanding event of the year, the opening of a beautiful Maori Girls' School, at Marton. This is a church institution and there are 34 girls in residence. This Society has 327 branches, with a membership of 7,493. Our sincere sympathy is extended to our sisters in New Zealand, on account of the disastrous earthquake that occurred at Napier in the northern part of their beautiful island.

The World Day of Prayer is being more largely observed by our sisters in the antipodes and South Africa, and this great service along with the fact that the members of these Societies, like our own, work amongst pioneer conditions, makes the bond between us closer.

The 51st annual report of the Women's Missionary Association of the Presbyterian Church of England speaks of the Jubilee of this Society, celebrated in Manchester, May 7th, 1929. In connection with this a special Communion service was held at which ten women elders assisted. Simultaneous services were also held in many branches. New missionary projects have been undertaken and the year's progress is most satisfactory, there being a credit balance for the first time since 1923.

The 56th annual report of the Zenana Mission of the Women's Association for Foreign Missions of the Irish Presbyterian Church, gives an encouraging account of work in the fields of Gujarat and Kathiwar, the latter field being a neighbor to our own Bhil Mission. Mention is also made of progress in the Girls' Auxiliaries.

The 92nd annual report of the Women's Association for Foreign Missions of the Church of Scotland is contained in the general report of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Church. It speaks of the hope that with the fresh stimulus provided by the reunion of the Scottish Churches, an effort will be made to procure an annual income that will prove equal to the needs of the Association.

A STATEMENT that defies contradiction is that the world's best book is still the world's "best seller". Last year the number of copies of Scripture disseminated by the British and Foreign Bible Society exceeded twelve million, an increase of over three quarters of a million copies over the year before. The influence of the Scriptures sent out year by year to nearly all the nations of the earth cannot be estimated by the figures of an annual report, so a book presenting an account of the Bible Society's enterprise, drawn from experiences in all quarters of the globe, has been prepared. It is entitled "In the Mother Tongue" and contains several references to Canada and Newfoundland, which gave £15,436 to mark the Society's 125th anniversary. "The Society is allocating this rich birthday gift for special objects, among which are (1) the production of a new, cheap, attractive edition of the English Authorized Version for use in schools; (2) advance in India, and (3) provision for the dawn of the day of liberty for circulating the Scriptures in Russia. Be that day near or distant, the Society desires to be ready for it."

In 1929 nearly 480,000 copies of Scripture were circulated within the Dominions of Canada and Newfoundland. Of this number 391,580 were in English, and 87,790 in other languages. It is a remarkable fact that almost 88,000 volumes in other languages than English were distributed in Canada last year. This is an indication of the enormous movements of population going on in the Dominion.

The polyglot character of the population in certain parts of Canada may be instanced by the fact that in Saskatchewan the Scriptures were supplied last year in 22 languages; in Alberta, 39; in British Columbia, 45, and in Upper Canada, 49. One of the most famous colporteurs of the Bible Society in Canada, Dr. Heine, habitually uses 15 languages in his work among the immigrants, and is said to speak 24.

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"I OFTEN wonder if they receive the magazines I send them and if they like them, but I never heard until to-day," said an interested W.M.S. woman. "Just read this letter. Maybe you could put it in the *Glad Tidings* so that others may know the pleasure the Library Department is giving to one family at least." The letter needs no comment: "Thank you for your kindness in sending the magazines and *Records*. I saw a photo of our Church in one of them. . . . I pass the *Records* over to our minister. We have a nice Sunday School here. We always have about eighteen children. My oldest daughter is Secretary for it. This is a very small town—two stores, butcher and hardware, hotel and five elevators. My husband and I came from Scotland a number of years ago and homesteaded until recently. . . . Thank you again for the magazines, they have helped to pass many a lonesome evening and then I pass them on to my neighbors."

WE regret exceedingly that the articles prepared by Miss Kok and Miss Crockett for our Manchurian number came just a little too late. We were very sorry particularly as they were sent in time. However, we welcome them all the more now.

"WE cannot all go to Formosa, but we all can do something to help the girl who is going," was the explanation one teacher gave for her continuous kindness and help to Miss Isabel Taylor who is looking forward to missionary work in Formosa as a music teacher and evangelist. We naturally expect this spirit to manifest itself in our members, and when it is displayed in those outside our Society we are greatly heartened.

It is our hope that back lists of Life Members will appear in the June issue.

Our National Missions

A Summary of the Work of 1930

HOSPITALS

THE reports from the 4 hospitals reveal just as conscientious service by the Superintendents and their assistants as has ever been given, even though the results are not as large as the previous year on account of the financial depression.

Canora, Sask.—The “Hugh Waddell” Memorial Hospital.—The Superintendent, Miss Cuddy, reports that the first part of the year was very satisfactory, but, as a result of the financial depression, the fall collections and number of patients admitted show a noticeable decrease. There were 683 patients, in comparison with 851 in the previous year, and 279 operations, as against 379 the year before. Maternity cases numbered 79, an increase of 5. It gladdens one’s heart to note that neither a mother nor a baby was lost, with the exception of 2 still born babies, and there was no infection with either mothers or babies, which is a splendid record. The total number of deaths was 19, but 12 of these occurred within 48 hours after admission of patient. There were no deaths from communicable diseases, and none from infection.

This report reflects great credit on the splendid service of the Superintendent and nurses. The ward helpers also continue to be of great help.

During the year several fine gifts were received, which add greatly to the equipment of the hospital. Two were memorial gifts—the “Mary McCulla” surgical bed, complete with all fittings, and the “Mary E. Johnson” convalescent chair. The “Hospital Aid” of Canora, this year made the splendid donation of a shadowless operating room lamp, which cost \$475. We extend to these faithful workers sincere appreciation and hearty thanks for this gift. Generous supplies from Presbyterials and individual members enabled the Superintendent to assist needy patients, and to bring Christmas cheer to many.

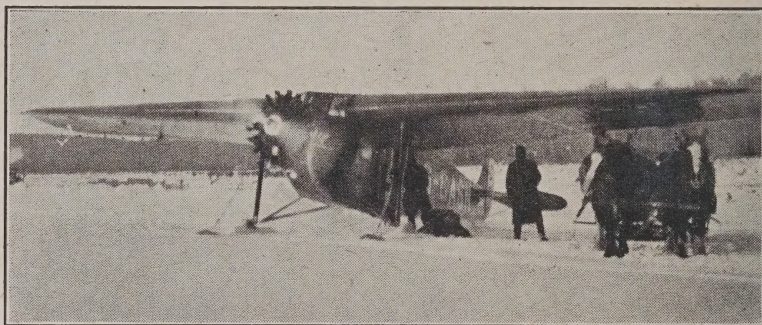
At the end of November, Miss H. Hermanson left the staff of the hospital, to enter the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, to prepare for service in the “Mackay Memorial” Hospital in Formosa.

Vegreville, Alta.—The “Rolland M. Boswell” Hospital.—Miss McPherson, the Superintendent, says that 1930 has been a very hard year financially. There have been fewer patients, only 393 as compared with 514 last year. Many of the public ward patients have been non-paying. Miss McPherson has had to accept wood, meat and vegetables in payment of accounts. There were 104 surgical operations, in comparison with 164

the previous year. Obstetrical cases numbered 77. Total number of deaths was 10, 7 medical cases, 2 still-born babies and one premature baby.

Vegreville Hospital received the gift of a surgical bed, as a memorial to "Mary E. Johnston", of Scarboro Junction, Ontario. Sincere appreciation and grateful thanks are also due the "Hospital Aid" of Vegreville. For the private wards they bought rugs, and for the nurses' home chairs, cushions and a table. Their generous shower of 110 jars of fruit was enjoyed by patients and nurses alike. Miss McPherson says that donations from the Presbyterians, too, have been most generous, enabling her to give Christmas cheer to patients and needy families in the district, as well as sending a box of quilts and clothing to Rev. E. A. Wright in the Peace River district.

Fort McMurray, Alta.—Miss Olive Ross, Superintendent. The work here has continued much the same as in previous years. During 1930 Miss Ross had 8 patients in the hospital and attended 47 out patients, including



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4 maternity cases, besides a number of children. This does not include the numberless visits made, the scores of miles Miss Ross walked, nor the numbers of hours she spent trying to give counsel to mothers or to lend a sympathetic hand in case of trouble, and in visiting those who have been shut in.

South Porcupine, Ont.—During 1930 there were 126 patients admitted to our ten bed hospital, 49 of whom were foreign born. Some could not speak a word of English. There were 18 accident cases, 46 operative and 21 maternity cases. They also treated patients with tonsil, appendix, typhoid, pneumonia and other ailments. The patients included men, women and children. A large number of Finlanders live in South Porcupine and many have been patients in the hospital and have been grateful for the help and attention they received while there.

SCHOOL HOMES

The total enrollment in our 6 School Homes is 145.

Vegreville, Alta.—We may look with satisfaction on these two Christian homes in a district where the majority of the people have not been brought up with the ideals which we take for granted. A fine spirit of independence is developed for although many of the scholars leave the School Home owing for their board, they show a great anxiety to pay that debt as soon as possible from the money they earn as teachers or in other occupations. One of the boys took the highest average in the high school, graduating with honors, and one of the girls took the highest average in grade VIII, leaving the public school, and all passed their examinations very creditably. Sunday School and Mission Band have been well attended and interesting. Over 50 awards were given for memorizing scripture, primary and shorter catechisms, 4 senior girls getting seals for the latter with proofs. The collections amounted to \$32.46 from the Mission Band, and \$36.47 from the Sunday Schools. These givings are from money earned by our pupils and are really a sacrifice on their part. There was a total enrollment of 68.

New Liskeard, Ont.—The term opened with an enrollment of 14, 9 girls and 5 boys, though this number dropped before the end of the year. All made a good record at school. The meetings of the Young People's Society of St. Andrew's Church have occupied some of their spare time. During the year the girls edited a paper called "The Home Signal," each one contributing and displaying her special talents even to the drawing of the cover design.

Huntingdon, Que.—This School Home is overflowing, having a registration of 28—14 boys and 11 girls in residence and 3 boys rooming out. All passed their June examinations with high marks, 8 receiving prizes. One was also awarded a special general proficiency prize in French and another the W.C.T.U. prize for public speaking. At the S.S. rally in September, nearly all received certificates for regular attendance at Church and Sunday School as well as diplomas for perfect recitations. The pupils lead a very active life with Home duties, Church activities, school attendance and recreation. At the preparatory service in November, 3 girls and 5 boys joined St. Andrew's Church on profession of their faith.

Prince Albert, Sask.—"Lucy M. Baker" School Home.—From January till June there was an average attendance of 11 outside students and the 4 wards of the Home. All but one were successful in passing the examinations, several taking honors. In the autumn term there was a decrease in numbers, owing to the prevailing financial depression. During the summer one of the wards was given, at her own request, a course in hair dressing, so that she might be fitted to earn her own

living. She is now out of our care. The Indian School at Birtle being closed owing to the erection of a new building, two of the girls of high school grade were sent to Prince Albert to continue their studies, and are doing very well. The life in the Home is very simple and practical, the girls keeping their own rooms in order and in turn assisting in tidying the dining-room and helping with the dishes.

Saskatoon, Sask.—The girls in this residence are attending collegiate, university and normal and have been of a very earnest, whole-hearted type. Many did exceptionally well in their June examinations, two coming first and second in their collegiate grade and repeating the same at Christmas. A Bible class is held on Sunday afternoon which seems to be almost the centre of the Home life. The Treasure Book, which won the prize at the Council Meeting in May, was an evidence of the success of the Class meetings especially those devoted to missionary study. At the annual meeting of the Provincial, Mrs. Horne called attention to the fact that three girls whose names appeared as leaders in girls' groups, one in 3 different Presbyterials, were old girls trained in the Presbyterian School Home.

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

The year 1930 has been an unusual one, for it has seen the new "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School at Kenora, Ont., in operation for the first full year and another at Birtle, Man., in process of erection.

Kenora, Ont.—"Cecilia Jeffrey".—Under the capable Principal, Mr. E. W. Byers, good progress has been made. The school has 126 in residence, a number of mature age never in school before. The boys and girls were in school half days and in training in housework or farm work the other half days. Mr. Byers has initiated a self government system for the boys and girls, using the tribal ideas of chief and counsellors. The result has been good. A beginning has been made in supervised play, and many children for the first time knew the thrill of skating and of hockey. When weather permitted, the pupils have enjoyed attending the newly established Presbyterian congregation in Kenora about three miles away. A truck load of boys were taken part way, then a return for a load of girls was made, resulting in all arriving about the same time. The boys' and girls' Mission Bands have held regular meetings and much interest was shown by the members. The Christmas festivities were largely attended by the parents, many of whom came many long miles off the beaten track to be present. The old school building is still unsold. It is faithfully guarded by two of the Indian chiefs, whose boys are pupils in the new school.

Birtle, Man.—Under the capable leadership of Mr. Currie, who has been engaged in Indian work under our Society for twenty years, Birtle School has done good work. The old building and equipment has been

strained to the utmost for several years. Inspection at midsummer confirmed our worst fears, and in September the pupils could not be taken care of, and none were in residence. The Indian Department of the Government secured a new site and has erected a fine modern fireproof building which we hope to open as soon as it is complete and furnished. All these expenditures are met by the Department of Indian Affairs. While the School was closed, a new type of work was carried on. The staff was sent out, two by two, to visit every home on the four reserves nearest at hand. Experiences were varied and interesting, and the results of the surveys most valuable. Day schools were held till weather conditions prevented. Mothers' and community meetings, W.M.S. Auxiliary meetings and Sunday Schools have been held and were well attended. Christmas festivities were held on each reserve instead of at Birtle. On the reserves where graduates of our School reside, the difference in standards of living was most marked. For any parents who wished their children to be in school, arrangements were made to care for these at "Cecilia Jeffrey", and at Kenora, and 22 were sent there. Two high school pupils were sent to the Prince Albert School Home.

Mistawasis, Sask.—Work has been carried on in the Improved Day School at Mistawasis. In the early part of the year, Miss S. McQueen was teacher and faithfully taught her group of pupils, which included one or two non-treaty children. At midsummer Rev. Wm. Moore, long a close friend of the Indians, was appointed school teacher as well as missionary, thus relieving the Church of part of his salary; 25 have been in attendance. Noon lunches for the children have been continued. Some of these pupils from a distance are provided with boarding house accommodation in homes near by. It was not feasible to continue boarding them in the Mission House. When the Birtle School is opened any of those pupils from Mistawasis whose parents desire it, may be sent there.

We acknowledge with appreciation the unfailing kindness and assistance of the Indian Department, the Honorable Minister of the Interior and the Deputy Minister, and we are also most grateful for the fine new building so nearly ready for occupation. This, with its equipment, the Department turns over to us to administer. When Church and State thus strive to do their best, surely God will bless their efforts to equip the Indian boys and girls for happy and useful Christian service.

CHINESE IN CANADA

Work among the Chinese is carried on in 5 centres. Through all the different activities, the aim of every worker has been to bring the Chinese in Canada to a knowledge of the love of God.

Victoria.—The kindergarten with an enrolment of 48 made good progress under Miss Gertrude Scott and Miss Chan. Music lessons were given to about 24 pupils. The C.G.I.T. met fortnightly. The girls of

this group devoted some time to mission study and contributed hand-work and money to missionary enterprises. There were 33 members in the Mission Band. They also gave supplies and made a contribution to the Children's Nursing Home in Amkhut. The English class with 32 pupils was conducted by Mrs. Macqueen. Many of the children were admitted to the public school. Classes were held for women and for men, also a night school.

The S.S. has 104 scholars and 8 teachers. A group of older boys and girls was formed, and a choir, averaging 9, assisted at the Sunday services. The Chinese W.M.A. has a membership of 13. The interest of these women

was evidenced by their exceeding their allocation of \$50.00, besides sending supplies.

Vancouver—The year 1930 has been a memorable one in Chinese work in Vancouver because the new church became available as a centre of religious life. Miss Esther Dickman was in charge of the kindergarten until the autumn, when she left to take a Bible study course. Mrs. Louie, of Victoria, took her place. The attendance increased



Two little Chinese mothers and their respective children. All the children, except the baby, attend the Central Branch of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Sunday School, Saskatoon, (one of the five in connection with this Church)

from 25 to 43 during the year. A Chinese Girls' Club was started among the older girls. These young people have assisted at church entertainments and have given \$50.00 to the building fund. The "Ling Kwong" C.G.I.T., organized in September, had a successful term and sent \$1.60 to the Treasurer of the W.M.S., with which they are affiliated. The members of the C.G.I.T. groups made up the Mission Band, which was conducted by Miss Crawford with voluntary assistance. The Trail Rangers met regularly under the direction of Mr. Oswald, of Gordon Church. There was an increased attendance in the S.S. Two scholars joined the Church and 6 were baptized. A night school was held for men and a two weeks' summer school met with 52 pupils. A Chinese W.M.A. was organized with Mrs. Louie as President.

Regina.—Mrs. Walter Martin carried on her indispensable voluntary

work in Regina, 942 letters and 156 parcels of S.S. papers were sent out.

Toronto.—In November, the United Church withdrew from the work of the Institute, which was previously interdenominational. The same month, Miss Dickson was transferred to Montreal, and Miss Lavina Dickman, Vancouver, took her place. Seven children passed on to the public schools, leaving an enrolment of 13. The Bible Vacation School was held in July with 42 children. On Saturday afternoons, children's classes were held under the leadership of Miss Lambert, assisted by Miss Lilian Leung, Miss Lily Yeung, and Miss Dickman. A primary S.S. held at Cooke's Church, had an enrolment of 40 scholars and 5 teachers. A boys' Sunday class met at the Institute. A sewing meeting for Chinese women followed by a Bible lesson from Mrs. Ma, and a Sunday Bible study class met every week. Music lessons were given to 8 pupils. Visits were made to Hamilton, Brampton and Windsor and the 52 Chinese families of Toronto visited frequently. The baptism of another Chinese woman was a great joy to the workers.

Brockville.—Miss Davies had under her care in Brockville, 4 mothers, 6 children and between 50 and 60 men. She has also visited and distributed literature to the Chinese of many neighbouring towns.

Montreal.—The work in Montreal was in charge of Miss Ethel Reid until her return to China. In November, Miss Dickson was sent from Toronto to take her place. At the beginning of the year, there were 40 pupils in the school, 13 of these were admitted to the public school. Miss Reid, and Miss Dickson received valuable assistance from Miss Hattie Jue, who taught part of the Chinese subjects and helped in teaching music and English. Mrs. Herman's training and experience have been great assets to the school.

Many outside places have been visited during the year. Over \$200 was contributed by the Chinese for Church and W.M.S. work.

From all centres, come acknowledgements of Christmas gifts. The work has been blessed in the splendid voluntary service that has been so graciously given throughout the year.

WELCOME AND WELFARE AND DEACONESS WORK

The Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department employs a staff of 19. Through the efforts of these workers strangers and newcomers are met, welcomed, and assisted wherever possible. Addresses of destination are secured and forwarded to the nearest church through our W.M.S. Auxiliaries. When there is no church within reasonable distance letters and literature are sent and an attempt made to continue a kindly interest. Some of these letters have been gratefully acknowledged from far distant frontier points.

The Department supplied workers at the following points during the year; Quebec port, 2 port workers, with one assistant during the summer;

Montreal, one port worker, with one assistant during the summer, and one deaconess at large in the district of Verdun; Toronto, one hospital visitor, one worker at Scott Institute (Jewish work), and 2 special workers from our Missionary and Deaconess Training Home.

Home Mission work is carried on by deaconesses at large, where congregations are scattered, Sabbath Schools small and new, and where personal visiting and follow up work is required. Hamilton has one deaconess at large; Winnipeg one deaconess and Welcome and Welfare worker; East Selkirk, one missionary deaconess, holding regular Sabbath School and Church services; Gonor, Man., one missionary deaconess holding Church services and carrying on all church activities; Regina, one deaconess at large; Saskatoon, one deaconess at large; Vancouver, one deaconess at large and Welcome and Welfare worker; British Columbia, one itinerating



The bungalow home where the Gonor Mission
was started in 1920

deaconess; Pouce Coupe, Peace River district, B.C., one missionary deaconess at large.

One outstanding accomplishment of this department was the erection by the Society of a Church at Gonor, Man., where our veteran missionary, Mrs Mackenzie, is now able to carry on her work in comfort.

LIBRARY

A review of the work for the past year shows steady and substantial progress. We have strengthened our former fields; extended others, and opened up entirely new work; thus endeavoring as far as possible to keep pace with the growth of our Church in Canada.

The Secretaries state that hundreds of books, thousands of pounds of magazines, Church and Sunday School papers, and many cases of Christmas remembrances have been sent out.

Alberta.—The needs of Grande Prairie and Pouce Coupe (the Peace

River District) were well remembered. Hymn books were distributed to new districts, and Bibles placed in homes where they were greatly appreciated. Many homes in certain fields were entirely without the Word of God. Church papers and magazines were mailed regularly to individual settlers in the more lonely localities.

British Columbia.—Sunday School papers, picture rolls, catechisms, books and magazines have been sent out in large quantities. Letters from many districts assure the Secretary that our Library department supplies urgent needs especially in the smaller stations, and is worthy of our support.

Manitoba has sent out large quantities of literature, including Church papers, Sunday School papers, books and magazines; the Indian Reserves being particularly remembered. The students were supplied with hymn books and Bibles from Toronto, which were much appreciated.

Ontario reports an enthusiastic year's work. Sixteen Sunday Schools were supplied with libraries. Our School Homes, Hospitals and other institutions were well looked after. A generous donation was also given to the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, which has been of great value. Lumber camps, boats and light houses were not forgotten. A consignment of moccasins from a camp was sent this year to one Auxiliary as a mark of appreciation. In many instances reports have been so full of enthusiasm and inspiration, that we cannot but feel, that the Library Department has a very large place in our W.M.S. Programme.

Quebec.—Every department of the work seems to have been well covered; by many valuable magazine subscriptions, large quantities of individual magazines distributed, books for libraries, hymn books, and gospel tracts. We note with much pleasure also that two Young Women's Societies have generously contributed to our work this year.

Saskatchewan has done exceedingly good work the past year, looking well after the student missionaries in the province, patients in the hospitals and newly settled territories. The Secretary has received letters from all parts of the province expressing thanks for literature received, and telling of the cheer and happiness the Library work has brought to many lonely districts.

SUPPLIES

The efforts of the Supply Department have been directed to providing the supplies required for our 4 Hospitals, 6 School Homes, 2 Indian Residential Schools, one Indian Day School, for the Deaconess and Chinese Departments and for the ever-increasing needs of our Home Mission Fields and Indian Reserves.

The allocations of supplies were prepared and forwarded to the Provincial Supply Secretaries on receiving the lists of requirements from the Secretaries of National Missions. The addresses for our Home Mission Fields and Indian Reserves were received from the Synodical Missionaries

and sent forward to the Provincial Supply Secretaries when the supplies were ready for shipment. All requests from the Synodical Missionaries met with prompt and liberal response. Several families brought to Canada by the British Settlement Society were provided with clothing and other necessities. The many letters written in acknowledgment of the supplies received express heartfelt gratitude to all who had a share in their preparation.

Grateful acknowledgment is made to the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, for a cheque for \$169.28, the amount paid for freight on supplies sent to our Indian Schools in Canada. This cheque was received on presentation of the necessary vouchers (1) *invoices*, showing quantity and value of the supplies; (2) *receipted shipping bills*, showing weight of bales and freight charges; (3) *signed receipt slips*. These vouchers must be complete in every detail before forwarding them to the Supply Secretary of the Council.

The estimated value of supplies according to provinces is: Alberta, \$526.39; British Columbia, \$568.67; Manitoba, \$1,335.12; Ontario, \$24,250.99; Quebec, \$1,706.82; Saskatchewan, \$357.26. Total, \$28,745.25. Besides this a considerable amount was expended for additional furnishings and renewals in our various institutions. The Society also furnished the dormitories in the new Chinese Church in Vancouver, and supplied organs, victrolas, radios and collection plates where needed. These facts and figures indicate a deep interest in the work of the department, and a willingness to spend time and effort to make the work of our National Missions effective.

LANTERN SLIDES

The Lantern Slides are proving a valuable feature in the presentation of the mission work of the Church. This is especially the case among the young people, who are evincing much interest in learning of conditions in our own land and in those countries where our missionaries are living amid rapidly changing surroundings. In one province 40 per cent of the requests sent in were from Young People's Societies and Mission Bands.

Two new sets were prepared this year: Canada, Churches and Institutions, and Manchuria and China. These sets with those on British Guiana, Japan and Korea, Formosa, Thirty Years in Bhil Land, Across India and Gwalior Mission, may be had on application to the Provincial Lantern Slides Secretaries. A lantern is an indispensable part of the equipment of the modern church. The initial cost may seem great but the returns are well worth the expenditure and if divided among the organizations will not fall heavily on any one. This Department is carried on jointly by the Board of Missions, the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies and the Women's Missionary Society.

Prospects for Mission Work in Manchuria

MISS ANNA C. A. KOK

TO write about the prospects of mission work in Manchuria as a whole, I do not consider a dull duty at all, but rather a pleasure, because I have a very soft spot in my heart for the people of that large province.

The climate and natural conditions are best expressed as breezy and spacious and I always felt that the natives of Manchuria have a very generous touch of that airiness and spaciousness about them.

Certainly I have not heard of a place in China where so much "room" was found for the blessed Gospel Message, either in the spoken word or printed page as in Manchuria. For any missionary who has decided to take the people of his or her calling as they are, I mean, which concerns the native habits and customs, however crude, old-fashioned, perhaps objectionable to our western nations these may appear, as long as these habits only flow out of the difference of being Chinese and not western, and are not sinful in character, if one has disciplined oneself to see those strange customs, to hear the uncanny sounds, smell the unpleasant odors, pass by seemingly offensive remarks and questions, without irritation or interfering, to such a one Manchuria does open up as a white harvest field with unbounded opportunities among men, women and children.

The real natives of Manchuria (I speak of the women now) carry the head high, are well-built, broad-shouldered and look with a free and independent air out into the world. During the snappy winter weather, it is a pleasure to see the women, red-cheeked through the cold, a kind of velvet cap wobbling on some corner of their head, receiving very little warmth from it indeed, or perhaps bare-headed with only a bit of fur arranged around the ears, walking along briskly, as if the whole world belonged to them and the good management of affairs were depending wholly on them.

The measure of prosperity, enjoyed for many generations, reasonably fair treatment, never having been made subject to the excruciating pains and humiliation of footbinding, have shaped the Manchurian women into a fine, hardy and resolute type.

Those who in past years have learned to know the women of the southern provinces of China, will look in vain for the dainty, polished but often supercilious little manners, in which these women are such adepts. One just has to learn to adjust one's feelings to the matter-of-fact-way in which Manchurian women treat foreigners. Certainly it is not always pleasing to our vanity to hear their remarks and experience their treatment. To approach this type of women requires a bit of cautiousness, a somewhat thick skin, a warm heart and a steady faith in the saving power of our

Lord Jesus Christ. With this equipment there is no limit to the opportunities for bringing the message of salvation. As all over the world, so in Manchuria, true kindness and sincere love find a ready response.

I feel however that I should speak a word of caution to all those interested in the spreading of the gospel in Manchuria. It is, that in the present-day-China, the gospel *only* should be brought and there is not much room for anything else. One should not adhere to the idea of a generation ago, that the presence of the missionary should result in bringing about better paved streets, better sanitation, cleanliness in the home, a change in, to us, objectionable habits, etc. China has given ample proof during the last years that she is going to have a change in civilization, but one all her own. That the home of the missionary is no longer the awe-inspiring object of some years ago and that his habits of living are little admired is a well-known fact. Only a few Chinese have made earnest efforts to follow the missionary's example in arranging homes, yards, clothing or food according to the western pattern. The Chinese are well aware (and the Manchurians also know) that much which has been held before them as a necessary accompaniment of success attending the gospel message has nothing at all to do with it.

As long as carpenters will keep to their hammer and nails, shoemakers to their lasts and missionaries to their business of soul saving, so long will Manchuria have an open ear and heart for the message of salvation. The Lord who sends His fishers of men to the heathen and who has promised to be with them, is able to fill the nets to breaking point, if only the fishers do not scare the fish away by making their nets too noticeable by foreign decorations and keep out of sight as much as possible.

Evangelistic Work in Manchuria

MISS LUELLA I. CROCKETT

WINTER set in very early in Manchuria and with great severity, but in spite of that fact it was possible to carry on an aggressive evangelistic work. During the winter months the danger from robbers is not so great—consequently the country villages may be visited and the gospel preached in them. In summer the robbers hide in the fields of Kaoliang, making travel on country roads very unsafe.

There are splendid opportunities for evangelistic work. People are ready to listen to the message whether it be given in the chapel, in the homes of the Christians, or in the homes of those who have heard before, or have received tracts and wish to know more. The native pastor and elder with their assistants are tireless in their efforts to extend the Kingdom among their own people.

The work among the women has its disadvantages as well as advantages.

So many cannot read and it is difficult for them to concentrate for any length of time. An appeal must be made to the eye as well as the ear. So colored pictures are of great value. Indeed *one cannot have too many Sunday School picture rolls and cards*. They are in constant use.

The homes for the most part are small, in many cases consisting of one room, and any number of families may be clustered around the small courtyard. The k'ang or built-in bed is the chief article of furniture and occupies a large space on one side of the room. It very often serves as table and chairs as well. When you enter a home you are at once invited to "shang k'ang" or get upon the bed, as the floors are earth or brick and are very cold in winter. The fire in the small stove is then stirred up and soon a bowl of boiling water is placed on the bed beside you. By this time the neighbors have gathered in, and the k'ang is pretty well occupied. But, by putting the cat or dog as the case may be, into the corner, and some one nursing the baby and smaller children space is made for all. A hymn sheet is fastened up and a simple hymn or chant is sung over and over again. This helps to distract the attention from your clothing and general appearance and also helps to prevent time having to be spent in relating your family history, the cost of your clothing, the salary you receive, the amount you spend on food and the kind of food you eat, the wages your servants get, and what they eat, and so on indefinitely. It also prepares them for the story. The picture roll is then produced and the old, old story which is ever new, is told. A verse of scripture is taught and tracts and gospel portions given to those who can read and prayer offered that the seed sown may bring forth fruit.

Often one finds a case of illness or accident in the home, then your first aid and home nursing training come in very useful. In one home visited recently, a woman had had a kettle of boiling water spilled on her foot. She had applied tooth powder and not too clean cotton batting. The foot was badly swollen and the sore, as you can imagine, was in a very bad condition. It was not easy to remove the former applications and apply soothing ointment and bandage the foot; but the little woman was very brave and very grateful. Afterward we spent an hour teaching her as she is preparing to be examined to enter the enquirers class. While she must have been suffering not a little, yet she gave us her best attention.

The distribution of tracts is also a fruitful source of evangelism. They are eagerly accepted and read. Rarely do you have a refusal and hundreds are distributed each day. Men stand on the street and read them; drivers stop their horses and read before going on. On the trains too, one finds ready acceptance. You have only to give out a few tracts and practically every one in the car comes to you for one and having read it all come again for *another kind* if you have one.

There is evidence that the Christians are more and more feeling their individual responsibility to spread the glad tidings. At New Year's many

resolutions were made to give time for preaching and prayer each day. One woman resolved that the next three months she would devote her entire time to the preaching of the gospel, and in witnessing for her Master in the villages around about. Others decided on definite periods of time for prayer for the work each day, and for bearing special witness for Him. Pray for these women who are but children in the faith, that they may be given wisdom and strength to carry out their resolutions and that many may be brought to know Him, and that His Name may be glorified in this place.



From lower left: Miss H. K. Hermanson, Miss F. E. Matthews, Miss G. MacL. Roy, Miss I. Taylor, Miss W. Ferguson (Principal), Miss E. G. MacDougall, Miss M. A. Walker, Miss F. B. Manzer.

Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home

CLOSING EXERCISES

A QUIET dignity marked the closing exercises of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, which were held in the beautiful chapel of Knox College, on the evening of April 9th. The large audience which filled the building attested to the wide interest in this growingly important institution of the Church.

The devotional service was conducted by the Rev. T. Eakin, Ph.D., Principal of Knox College, the choir of Riverdale Presbyterian Church leading the praise.

In a delightful review of the work of the year, Miss Winifred Ferguson,

the Principal, likened the history of the Training Home to a miniature of the history of the world at large. "Smaller classes and curtailed expenditure have dictated a policy of economy and concentration rather than one of expansion and fresh enterprise. Although the graduation class is small it is sufficient to meet the immediate needs of the Church.

The Training Home has served a dual purpose during the year. It has opened its doors not only to the students in training, but also to the students of various faculties of the University, who have found within its Walls an environment of quiet, cheerful Christian fellowship.

Of the twenty-one students in residence, fifteen have been preparing for some form of Christian work. Of these fifteen, seven that evening began the life of service of which they had dreamed. Of this number four have taken the regular two year course, and three, a special course. In addition to the first year students, there have been in residence, a fifth year medical student, a first year Public Health nurse, also two young Chinese students who have pursued their studies in music, kindergarten and collegiate subjects with good results, and, in addition, have assisted in the work of the Chinese Christian Institute.

The studies course, though varied, has been concentric and the practical work most helpful, the students being responsible for the leadership of five Mission Bands, three C.G.I.T. Groups, three Junior Endeavors, nine Sunday School classes, one Sunday School Department, two Bible classes, besides responding to ninety calls for addresses at various meetings, providing programmes, making four hundred and ninety deaconess calls and assisting with special survey and non-employment work."

Following Miss Ferguson's address came the presentation of certificates to first year students by Rev. John McNab, B.D., and those for teacher training by Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D. Rev. W. T. McCree, Moderator of Presbytery, conferred the diplomas on the five graduates and Dr. Stenhouse presented the scholarships and proficiency prizes.

Rev. Professor W. Harvey-Jellie, D.Lit., of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, addressed the graduates, dwelling on the importance of the Church placing a proper value on its ministers, evangelists and missionaries.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Jonathan Goforth, D.D., the veteran missionary to Manchuria.

The graduates and the fields to which they were appointed are:

Canada.—Miss Millicent A. Walker, Tisdale, Sask., to summer port work at Quebec, under the W.M.S. (W.D.); Miss Elizabeth MacDougall, Belle River, P.E.I., to work in the mining district at Glace Bay, N.S., under the W.M.S. (E.D.); Miss Freida Matthews, Stirling, Ont., to the teaching staff of the "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ont., under the W.M.S. (W.D.); Miss Georgie Roy, Westville, N.S., to the mining district of Cumberland Co., N.S., under the W.M.S. (E.D.); Miss

Florence Manzer, B.A., Nashwaak Bridge, N.B., to summer work at the port of Montreal, under the W.M.S. (W.D.).

Overseas.—Miss Isabel Taylor, Orillia, Ont., as music teacher and evangelistic worker to Taihoku, Formosa; Miss Hildur Hermanson, R.N., to the nursing staff of the "Mackay Memorial" Hospital, Formosa, both under the W.M.S. (W.D.).

Scholarships were awarded to: Miss Freida Matthews for General Proficiency; Miss Florence Manzer, for Knox College subjects; Miss Elizabeth MacDougall, for Special Essay Prize. —M. C. G. F.

Books Old and New

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

SPRING meetings are coming, and there are those long lovely summer evenings which will demand some nice books, not only for the kind of reading which will broaden and improve the intellect, but which will make the reader better informed on world events, which is so necessary to the woman genuinely interested in missions.

With just this in view we have secured a list of some of the best books available, at prices extremely low. Owing to the business depression, we are making a great effort to secure lower priced books, and have been singularly successful, as the following list will show. There is a limited number of each, but we hope they will provide for a fairly wide distribution, so order early for summer reading, or to contribute a book to your Missionary Library.

On reading any one of these, one is inspired to write that paper promised for the coming programmes of the Auxiliary.

ARE MISSIONS A FAILURE? by the Editor of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, Charles A. Selden. 30,000 miles of travel and investigation on the part of this able journalist were required to present the answer given in this significant book. Price, formerly \$2.50. Now \$1.00.

OUR TASK IN JAPAN, by August Karl Reischauer, D.D., a graphic writer. It is an important contribution to Foreign Missionary Literature, summing up modern trends most accurately. Price, formerly \$1.50. Now 75c.

THE MASTER AS PAYMASTER. Mr. Bevans points out that the follower of the Lord has, in the long run, a richer experience than the man whose ideals and course of conduct are of the "earth, earthy." Serving God has in it "the promise of the life that now is, and that which is to come." It is a great book on stewardship. Formerly \$1.25. Now 75c.

THE EDUCATION OF WOMEN IN CHINA, by Miss Margaret E. Burton, who came in close contact with the most thoughtful Chinese women

in their homes. The marvellous results obtained by the education of Chinese women in fifty years is amazing. Formerly \$1.50. Now 75c.

THE GATEWAY TO CHINA, by Mrs. Gamewell who has the knack of description and the faculty of holding one's interest. Her pages are a panorama of colors, through which we are able to visualize this gateway to China. Formerly \$2.00. Now 75c.

THE ISLAND OF FAITH, by Margaret E. Sangster. A story of work amongst the tenements in New York's East Side. Rose-Marie meets romance, while helping human nature in the midst of squalor, ignorance and misery. Formerly \$1.25. Now 75c.

THE GREAT QUEST, is a thoughtful little book written for thoughtful people. Mr. Moody's work has a rich, spiritual quality which radiates from every page. Nature and Christian teaching is beautifully blended. Regular \$1.00. Now 50c.

WITHIN THE GATEWAYS OF THE FAR EAST, by Charles R. Erdman, gives a very definite conception of the physical, mental, social, moral and religious condition of the countries visited, Japan, Korea, and China. Formerly \$1.25. Now 75c.

GOSPEL ROMANCE IN THE HUTS OF THE PUNJAB, by Howard E. Anderson. The romance, the power and the appeal of modern missions are impressively portrayed by these miniature sketches of real life in the mud built villages of India. Formerly \$1.25. Now 75c.

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Chinese Work Growing

Vancouver, B.C.

“WITH the new Church building we seem to have grown considerably and have opened up new departments such as a daily Chinese school, a Chinese class at night for the older boys and girls, and a Women's Missionary Society.

We are indeed sorry to lose Miss Dickman especially at this time. However, we know that she is preparing for greater service and that her year at the Bible Institute may prove a rich blessing. Our love for her was expressed in many personal gifts and a leather brief case from the congregation.

We owe sincere thanks to Mrs. Louie for she broke up her home in Victoria and came to help in the work here. She is an earnest Christian and I am sure will be the means of bringing many of our women to the Saviour.

The summer school held ten days during July was a great success. Rev. D. Smith and Mrs. R. M. Thomson were in charge of the older boys and

girls, Miss Dickman and Miss Crawford of the juniors. Rev. K. C. Yeung took the devotional period occasionally. There were 52 pupils enrolled and 4 occasional teachers. The two outings at Kitsilano Beach were very much enjoyed.

We are so proud of our new building with its bright cheery rooms. It is a busy place from 9.30 a.m. till 10.30 p.m. every day except Saturday and Sunday, when we have half day classes and evening service. On the opening day, September 2nd, Presbytery met in our Church and was entertained by the Chinese at a luncheon in a chop suey house. The opening service was held in the evening when the Church and kindergarten room were filled to overflowing.

This is certainly a record term in the kindergarten department. The average attendance is 34 with an enrollment of 43. Last year we had no children from Chinatown, but since moving to Keefer Street we have five girls. Most of the children are new and are about four and five years of age. They are quick to learn and already know many new hymns.

The cradle roll has not increased much, just two new babies to add to the roll. However, we continue to visit the mothers and have made 67 visits this quarter. In this way we have become friends and since we have a leader in Mrs. Louie we have been able to organize a W.M.S. Meetings are to be held the fourth Wednesday of the month. We have seven members and at our September meeting fifteen women were present. We are hoping to win the other eight for the Master.

The 'Euodia' C.G.I.T. Group disbanded last June and have re-organized as 'The Chinese Girls' Club'. They meet every Thursday. They have a membership of seven. Their objective is to help with the building fund.

The 'Ling Kwong' C.G.I.T. have entered into the fall work with great enthusiasm. They are interested in the girls at our school homes and correspond with some of them. They are ever mindful of the 'poor heathen' and intend sending some money to the W.M.S. Treasurer very soon. These girls are ten to twelve years of age with the exception of one who is fourteen years old. They are planning a missionary play for Christmas.

The Trail Rangers meet every Saturday under the leadership of Mr. Oswald. As our kindergarten room is built so that it may be used as a gymnasium also, the boys are planning to play basket-ball in their sport period.

The Mission Band is suffering sadly because of the Chinese school. We have had an attendance of only six. It is hard to expect much from these children for they must hurry home from public school for tea and be at Chinese school at five p.m. where they study until eight

p.m. every day and nine a.m. to twelve o'clock on Saturday. There are over forty children attending this school.

Night school begins immediately Chinese school is over. This quarter the attendance is small because the men have not yet returned from farms, canneries, etc. We expect a larger attendance next month. Following the English classes at nine thirty, there is a Chinese class for older girls and boys, when Mr. Louie teaches until ten thirty. Mr. Louie, our new teacher from China, is a cousin of Mrs. Louie, our new W.M.S. worker.

The Mission has been represented at the W.M.S. rally at St. Paul's, and a farewell to missionaries at Fairview. At the latter meeting Mrs. Louie was introduced to the W.M.S. ladies and friends.

Fairview, Mount Pleasant and Kerrisdale W.M.S. meetings have been addressed by your worker."

—(Miss) Sibyl M. Crawford.

Eventful Happenings

Pouce Coupe, Alta.

"IT is two weeks since our Dedication Service. A lot of folks went out from Pouce Coupe. Everybody was generous with their cars and came to the hotel to pick up the people. The service was lovely. It was a glorious day and the door was wide open all through the service. Mr. Wright preached a sermon that went home to most of us. I knew the Dedication Service would go through all right, but I was afraid the chicken supper on Monday night might not be so successful, but it was. Everyone had a good time, there was plenty to eat and some left over, and the concert was most entertaining. I think there were 85 people there and we made \$30. So that is a pretty good financial start for the Riverside Church Circle.

Up until yesterday my trips had been very uneventful. I had been out at Sunset Prairie, but did not get in touch with the Presbyterians. However I got definite directions and we started out. We found it all right but took the left turn instead of the right. I rather thought the road was gradually turning back, so when we finally came to a shack we stopped. We were on our way back home!

I was driving and got started down hill before I realized it would have been wiser to have parked at the top. It was all snow and ice. We really hadn't had any snow on the south hills, the sun doesn't get a chance to melt the little we had. We got down all right and surprised the people. We had another lunch there and visited with them and Mr. Wright had a Scripture reading and prayer.

We have just moved into our new house and it is very nice, but oh, one needs a fortune to get even the necessities up here. Life is a hectic

affair. I was rushing most of the time while I was at the hotel, and now that I have to carry in wood and melt ice, and get lunch as well, it will be worse than ever. If we just had things to do with it wouldn't be so bad, but I shouldn't grumble because every one has given us things, chairs, stools, coffee pot, dishes and I even had two potted plants, a hyacinth and eight tulips sent in from Edmonton, as well as a box of grapefruit, cauliflower, carrots, lettuce, etc.

I have just been out to learn how to tie six knots, in order to teach them to my Girl Guides. We generally meet on Wednesday, but to-morrow our Riverside Church Circle meets, so I had to have the Guides to-day. I have nine fine girls up at Dawson Creek. On Thursday of this week I have been invited to meet with the Girl Guides here. I would be so glad to assist them because I have no contact with the youngsters in Pouce Coupe at all. Last week I took the girls on a hike, and we lighted our fires by the road side with two matches. All the girls but one succeeded, they gathered their own material, built the fire and lighted it."

—(*Miss*) *Hazel Macdonald.*

Welcome and Welfare Work Brings Happiness to Many

Winnipeg.

"**N**OW at the end of seven weeks I feel as if I have been here a long time, and have become acquainted with a great many people.

The number of newcomers to any part of Canada just now is comparatively small, so the actual welcoming end of the work is an easy task, but the welfare of those who have come is requiring more work than ever on the part of those who are interested. Since September 18th, I have received eighteen names, three of these were for points outside the city, and I sent them to their respective centres, two foreigners I could not locate. The others were all located and have found a home in the Presbyterian Church, and have expressed to me their appreciation of the welcome extended to them. While it is the Welcome and Welfare worker who makes the first point of contact, her work is practically useless without the support and follow-up work of every member of the Auxiliary and church. A smile or kind word to a stranger costs very little, but its worth is invaluable.

In my hospital visiting I have found quite a few lonely people, some have been sick for many months, and a visit seems to mean so much to them. I sometimes feel that if one did nothing else but try to bring cheer to such hearts the time would be well spent.

One of the happiest afternoons I have had since coming to Winnipeg was spent out in West Kildonan, calling on some of the pioneer Presbyterians of that district.

—(*Miss*) *Mary G. Todd.*

Prayer

O GOD, when Thou dost say "Seek ye My Face," our hearts say unto Thee "Thy Face Lord will we seek."

But who may ascend into the hill of the Lord or who shall stand in Thy holy place? We know that it is only He that hath clean hands and a pure heart, and so we pray the prayer of Thy servants of old and ask that "Thou unto Whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and before Whom no secrets be hid will cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy holy Spirit so that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy Name." May our necessary duties not blot out the memory of the events of the Holy Week and the Day of Resurrection through which we have passed. We think of those, who at Thy behest have left home and kindred so that they may take this gospel of life and hope to those who know not of this Christ of whom we have known all our lives. We remember with thanksgiving our many privileges, our Christian Churches on every hand, our inspiring services, our ministers and teachers, our books. Give those in isolated places in Canada or abroad who are without those "means of grace", the joy of Thy constant Presence and all things needful for this work; grant them wisdom in difficulties, help in trouble, and if it be Thy will, visible success after labor. May the young not lose their youthful enthusiasms and may those who are growing old in Thy service, not grow weary in their beneficent work of distributing from Thy hands the very Bread of Life. We bless Thee, O Lord, that men of every race and color are receiving that spiritual food, the broken body and shed blood of our Lord and in that strength are walking in newness of life. We pray for our Church and for all Churches of Christ; for our King in his illness we crave Thy healing touch; for our Governor General as he faces his new duties and for all who are set in authority over us, we ask Thy blessing. Deliver us from all sloth in Thy work, all coldness in Thy cause, and grant us by looking unto Thee to rekindle our love and by waiting upon Thee to renew our strength through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

YOUNG WOMEN

FROM the year book written by the girls in our School Home, in Saskatoon, comes the following little poem which has not only the promise of good poetry in it but also thoughts which many of our young girls and women will appreciate; it echoes not only the best which each might get from a school year, but applies very definitely to what Auxiliary gatherings might mean to those who attend them. Thank you, Saskatoon, and congratulations to the author.

To the Girls of the Years to Come

You are here to spend the year in fruitful toil,
To make the best of life—and not to spoil
Your parent's hopes and dreams of the tomorrow
When you will take their place. You cannot borrow
All that they have, or gifts of one another's,
You must acquire those things—not lean on others.

Give to this Home the best you have to give,
Friendships, ideals, here gained, throughout life live.
Let music, laughter echo down the halls,
Respond to duty when stern duty calls.
This book we girls of 1930 give to you;
Carry on! Success rewards all efforts true.

—Margaret Howard.

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Last month it was suggested that your meetings should be made discussional. Let us suggest the recreational idea this month.

Have you ever tried varying the programme with a game? There is a little booklet called "Three and Thirty Missionary Games." In some of these, slips of papers are passed around, and there is a guessing contest to find who knows the largest number of names of missionaries in our various fields. This little booklet may be secured at the Publications Office for 10c. Many of these games are interesting and an occasional one would pep up the meeting.

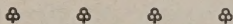
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The motto of the "Hackett" Medical College, Canton, is: "To save life and spread the true Light." Our own Dr. Jessie A. MacBean is one of the leading physicians there, and when we think of the brilliant career she has had and the telling effect her work has had on the Chinese in Canton, we cannot but feel that our own Canadian woman has taken this motto most gloriously to heart. Dr. MacBean is supported entirely by our W.M.S. (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

INDIA

India is a land of contrasts, but it is a land of opportunity for the missionary. There is opportunity for a clearer message. The non-Christian looks at the Christian Church, even though he is told not to look at the missionary but at Christ. As we judge him by his mode of living, so he judges us. It is easier to work when the Church at home has so many voices raised against such evils as war, exploitations of men, women and children, race prejudices and inequalities. Whatever is done to incarnate the spirit of Christ in Christians in Canada opens doors of opportunity to us here. The world is smaller than it was, and educated Indians are critical.

—*The Presbyterian World News.*



This is our national work number. The Y.W.A.'s partially support our deaconesses from coast to coast. Keep this number for reference and if you desire more information on our Deaconess and Welcome and Welfare work, see the set "Presbyterian Mission Work Across Canada" which includes a large map showing the localities of all our stations in Canada. See back cover.



VISCOUNT MILNER, G.C.M.G.

High Commissioner for South Africa, 1897-1905

British administration throughout the world was no doubt always based, or ought to be based, on Christian principles and animated by Christian ideals. His experience was that the Christian mission was an influence for good, and he spoke purely as a layman. Missionaries were an influence for good—better order, better living, and general progress. The influence of Christian missions was heartily welcomed by a civil administrator who knew his business.

—Speech at Ramsgate, December, 1909.

Lantern Slide Department

Change of officer—Mrs. Mary Turner, 1056 East 18th Ave., Vancouver, is the newly appointed Provincial Lantern Slide Secretary for British Columbia.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

A VISIT TO CANTON AND THE "HACKETT MEDICAL COLLEGE"

MISS J. FLORENCE LANG

(Continued from April issue)

Dr. MacBean and Miss Hill very kindly offered to go sight-seeing with us, and we saw the most interesting parts of the city. Yellow Flower Hill is a beautiful cemetery where a monument has been erected to seventy-two martyrs who were killed during the troublous days of the birth of the Republic. Cut in the face of the massive memorial are the names of the cities in America where funds were collected, among them Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. We drove through the city, passing the Sun Yat Sen University, named in honor of a President of the Republic, many lovely homes with beautiful gardens, very fine market gardens, which explained the success of the Chinese gardeners in British Columbia, and finally arrived at the Flowery Pagoda, a popular Chinese shrine. Passing in through the garden, we came to a court where several gods were seen in a little recess protected by iron bars. On the ground before this shrine several women were burning paper money, and vegetables, as an offering to the gods. They did not appear to appreciate the presence of foreigners, so we did not linger. We now had to leave our kind conductors, and join the ship party, as arrangements had been made to go in sedan chairs through the old parts of the city.

We were all counted, and passed out of the temple grounds in groups of eight, probably to be sure that all the foreign devils were out of the sacred precincts. Each group was in charge of a guide, and the nine sedan chairs, each carried by three bearers, proceeded through narrow streets literally packed with stores, where native foods of all kinds were displayed. In other streets there were jade stores, ivory, amber, and silk shops. Some of the streets were so narrow and the corners so sharp that it was impossible to take the chairs through, so we had to walk, and the chairs were sent around to meet us farther on. It was nearing train time, so we climbed into our chairs, and were "jogged" back through the more modern streets to the station.

Canton, a strong Republican centre, is the district from which many of the Chinese in Canada come, and we were very grateful for this chance to see these people in their own environment. The experience helped us to understand the patient industrious workers who come to this country with one object—to make enough money to go back to China and live more comfortably than they did in their early days. To us is given the opportunity to be real friends to these strangers, to teach them Christian ideals, and to help them so that when they return to their homeland, they may

carry with them the knowledge of a Saviour Who alone is able to remedy the pitiful condition of the millions in China who have never heard His Name.

Contributions from Girls in 1930

The girls are always anxious to know the amount of the contributions. For 1930, the various girls' organizations forwarded to the Treasurer \$1,494.84 towards the work of Dr. Caroline Macdonald, an average giving by the 251 groups of about \$5.95, or each of the 3,396 girls about 44c. apiece. In comparing this figure with that of last year, it shows a decrease of \$56.91. While this decrease is somewhat disappointing there is encouragement in the fact that Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta went beyond last year's givings and to them congratulations are due.

Treasure Books

Any groups which have prepared Treasure Books on the year's study may send them direct to Winnipeg for May 26th when the Biennial Meeting of Council takes place. Address them to Mrs. R. F. Rorke, 160 Home Street, Winnipeg.

MISSION BANDS

PROGRAMME FOR MAY

Hymn.—"We've a Story to Tell" (705).

Bible Lesson.—St. John 10: 1-16.

Prayer.—1st. For our missionaries; 2nd. The Children of Japan.

Hymn.—"Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (745).

Minutes and Business.

Offering and Prayer.

Address or Story.

Hymn.—"I Think When I Read" (738).

Repeat John 10, verse 16, together.

Closing Prayer.

A Message from Victoria Harbor

A SHORT time ago Victoria Harbor Band had a most successful concert to which the Church people came in large numbers. A very interesting part of the programme was the presentation of a Life Membership Certificate and pin to Mrs. Alvin Crooke, who has served as leader for twenty-five years. Other workers, too, received tokens of appreciation for years of faithful service. We thank the Secretary, Ethel Lumsden, for this cheering news of her Band and wish them one and all a happy, successful 1931.

A Message from Japan

MRS. J. W. DILL

The subject of study this month is Japan and our work among the Korean children which your pennies help. You will remember that Japanese people have many festivals, but Christians celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas as we do. Miss Anderson, one of our missionaries in that beautiful land, writes, to Mrs. MacGillivray:

"I must tell you about my interesting experience at Thanksgiving which made me feel that I belong to the Koreans more than ever. After the Thanksgiving service, one of the groups had a social hour to welcome me. While they were singing a hymn, Mr. Moon, the student pastor, motioned for me to come up and sit on a green plush cushioned chair, facing everybody. A Korean girl read an address. It gave a history of the Church and thanked me in a beautiful way for coming to them. It said, too, that they knew that it was difficult for western people to sit on the floor though I had not shown that it was. I had often pinched myself for fear my limbs should go to sleep and wondered if I would be able to walk when I got up, but I was glad that I had not shown that I was not comfortable. Was it not a nice present? Then we had a lunch—a piece of cake, a cookie, a doughnut, and an apple with a cup of sweet tea.

"Now about Christmas. Our little home looked very pretty with our Christmas decorations and our tree which was well laden with gifts. Early in the morning, while it was yet dark, we heard voices at our gate singing 'Joy to the World'. At first we thought it was our Koreans, but we soon realized that they were Japanese. Then about a half an hour later we again heard at the front door, 'Joy to the World, the Lord is Come.' This time the voices were those of our own Koreans. Mr. and Mrs. Young and the two children came to our house for Christmas dinner and we had a very happy time with them."

On January 1st, Miss Anderson writes that they had a few flakes of snow. She sends us all good wishes for this year and we too wish her and our other missionaries in "The Sunrise Empire" a happy New Year.

Membership Pins

Ordinary Membership Pins, silver, 75c. each.

Life Membership Pins, in 14 kt. gold, \$2.50.

Honorary Membership Pins, with new bar, complete \$4.25; New Bar applied to old Life Membership Pin, \$2.65. (Return old pin to us to have bar attached).

Money must accompany order. Order from Mrs. L. Ballantyne, Room 700, 372 Bay St., Toronto 2.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. D. S. MACKENZIE, 8809, 112TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY
Annual Meeting

ASSEMBLING in the historic First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, which is in itself a monument to the life and work of the late Dr. D. G. McQueen, the seventeenth annual meeting of the Alberta Provincial Society was held on March 17th and 18th, with a good attendance at all sessions. The President, Mrs. F. W. Allott, of Calgary, ably presided throughout.

The various Presbyterials were responsible for the devotional exercises which were conducted with a deep reverence and sincerity. Gracious words of welcome were spoken by Mrs. J. A. Fife, of Edmonton, in which she referred to the great work of the former pastor of the Church. This was replied to by Mrs. J. Begg, of Calgary.

Steadfast effort in maintaining the standard of former years through an especially trying period was manifest in a review of all departments by Mrs. R. H. MacMicking, the Corresponding Secretary. Welcoming Macleod as our fourth Presbyterial we have now one hundred branches throughout the Province, carrying a membership of 1,745. This includes 626 Auxiliary and Associate Society members, 355 Home Helpers, 6 Y.W. Societies, 23 C.G.I.T. Groups and 29 Mission Bands. The Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Clark, of Calgary, reported that \$4,587.77 had been sent to the General Treasurer. In addition, Supply work represented a cash outlay of \$526 together with many donations of clothes and food which had been cheerfully given.

The Home Helpers Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Wilson, reported 355 shut-ins with a total contribution of \$651. Mrs. T. L. Walker, of Calgary, reported 1,058 visits made, and 305 letters written. Mrs. J. C. McTavish reported 801 pounds of literature had been sent to the outposts, as well as donations of Bibles, hymn books and library books. There are 731 subscriptions to *Glad Tidings*. The Student Secretary, Miss Helen McQueen, is getting in touch with university and normal school students in the cities.

During the year, 1 Honorary Member, 24 Life Members, 31 Junior Members and one In Memoriam Subscription were received. The Exchange Secretary reported 61 papers had passed through her hands.

The report of the hospital and school homes at Vegreville was most interesting. Mrs. Robertson and Miss McKee stated that there are 64 children in the homes and 68 in the Sunday School. They have their own W.M.S. Auxiliary and also their own Mission Band, and that they,

in turn, had been able to do some relief work for the less fortunate. Miss MacPherson, the Superintendent of the hospital, was unable to be present because of demands at her post, but wrote that 393 patients had been cared for during the year, many of these had been unable to pay their expenses.

Mrs. Harback, Vulcan, gave a fine talk on "Our Work". Greetings were read from the President of the W.M.S., Mrs. Daniel Strachan, also from the Saskatchewan Provincial Society.

"The Sacrament of Consecrated Service" was the theme around which Mrs. F. W. Allott developed her Presidential address.

The evening session was devoted to the young people. A beautiful tableau "The Rock of Ages" and a missionary sketch, "The Triumph of Faith" were presented.

At the evening dinner greetings were received from sister organizations, and Dr. R. C. Wallace, President of the University of Alberta, spoke on "World Peace," urging the members not to be content with merely wishing for world peace, but to get together and actually study conditions existing to-day in other countries.

A dignified ceremony was the installation of the officers conducted by Rev. Thomas Tait. Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, was the special speaker at all the sessions. On each occasion she brought to her audience a very high plane of thought and endeavor as she ably discussed the different phases of our work at home and abroad.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY

"THE Golden Key" C.G.I.T. Group, of St. Aiden's, New Westminster, held their mother and daughter banquet, February 13th. Miss Mary Fulton proposed the toast to the mothers, and Mrs. Bell responded. Miss Margaret Smythe spoke of the object and aims of their organization. Following the banquet an enjoyable programme was provided.

"The Burning Lamp" Mission Band of St. Aiden's, New Westminster, held their second birthday party at the home of their leader, Mrs. A. McLennan. They had as guests the mothers, members of the W.M.S. and Mrs. Angus McKenzie, Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary. A programme of music and games was followed by refreshments.

Reports from several Auxiliaries state they are using the study book, "Ambassadors of Good Will", and finding it very interesting and instructive.

The Y.P.S. of St. Andrew's Church, Penticton, had an interesting meeting recently when they used the material provided by the W.M.S. on our work in China.

At a recent meeting of the Central Church W.M.S., Vancouver, a

paper was given on "Mission Study," and Mrs. W. J. White gave a comprehensive report of the annual meeting of Westminster Presbyterial.

MANITOBA

MRS. W. F. HOGARTH, 118 N. JOHN ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SEC.

Annual Meeting

THE 17th annual meeting of Manitoba Provincial Society was held in First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, March 25th and 26th. Owing to indisposition of the President, Mrs. H. Robson, the chair was taken by Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, first Vice-President, who also read the President's address. Mrs. Robson expressed appreciation of the work and efforts of the Presbyterials during the year, and voiced the hope that the same growth and progress would continue in the coming year as the need of expansion was great both at home and abroad.

Mrs. Mathewson, Winnipeg, gave the address of welcome. This was responded to by Miss Stevenson, Superior.

Greetings were read from Mrs. D. Strachan, President of the W.M.S., and from Mrs. Ledingham, President of British Columbia Provincial Society, which were much appreciated. Greetings were brought from the Synod of Manitoba by the Moderator, Rev. W. Bell.

Devotions were taken by Superior, Brandon and Winnipeg Presbyterials and the Presbytery of Winnipeg.

Reports from all departments were very encouraging. The allocation was exceeded by over \$300. The Student Department, which was created one year ago, had shown that it is worth while work.

The speakers included Mrs. H. M. Coulter, Neepawa; Mrs. H. White, Lenore; Miss M. Todd, deaconess; and Rev. H. M. Coulter. Mrs. Coulter, who is always a welcome visitor spoke on "The Youth of To-day." She advised those who were guiding the youth of to-day to have a forward look and accept the laws of change that have ever marked the various stages in our development. "We must adapt ourselves to the age and at the same time catch a vision of the life beautiful."

Mrs. H. White spoke on Mission Band work and a short programme was given by the Norwood and East Selkirk Mission Bands. A short message was given by each of the Presbyterial Presidents. A letter was read from Dr. Jessie MacBean, of "Hackett" Medical College, Canton, China, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The closing words were given by Mrs. White. She said that in spite of all that was said about hard times, the Missionary Society in Manitoba had great cause for thankfulness.

Reports of the different Departments showed the following statistics: 37 Auxiliaries, 704 members; 34 Mission Bands, 997 members, \$814 in givings; 36 Y.W. Auxiliaries, 704 members; 4 Associate, 157 members,

givings \$155.70; 26 C.G.I.T. Groups, 271 members, givings \$271; total givings from all sources \$5,833; 419 Home Helpers; value of supplies \$1,335.12.

Mrs. Ballantyne presented the resolutions.

The sessions throughout were very interesting and instructive. The meeting in 1932 will be held in Brandon.

Changes in officers are: President, Mrs. J. S. Hutchison; Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. McDonald; Supply, Mrs. Geo. Reynolds; Literature, Mrs. Peter Kee.

Winnipeg P.S.—The "Ellen Douglas," Y.W.A., St. John's Church, Winnipeg, held a successful tea, March 10th. The mission fields of our Church and some old and new missionaries were brought to the attention of those present by a number of snapshots arranged on the walls.

Winnipeg Presbyterian held Feb. 25th and 26th in First Church, Winnipeg. The President, Mrs. J. S. Flook, presided. Devotions were conducted by First, St. John's and St. James' Auxiliaries and at the evening meeting by the Presbytery of Winnipeg.

After the President's address, greetings were received from Manitoba Provincial, Brandon and Superior Presbyterials. Reports given by the various Secretaries were both interesting and encouraging. Work among the young people was particularly cheering.

Givings amounted to \$2,617.32, the allocation being exceeded by \$117.32. There was also an increase in membership.

Addresses were given by Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Mrs. Mary Mackenzie, Mrs. A. M. L. Long, Miss M. Todd and Miss I. Hunter. An enjoyable item was the chorus rendered by Old Kildonan Mission Band. At the evening session, greetings from the Presbytery of Winnipeg were conveyed by the Moderator. The speaker was Rev. W. M. MacKay, Synodical Missionary, who gave an eloquent address on the "Divinity of Means."

The installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. Alex. Matheson. The closing words were given by Mrs. Herbert Sellers.

At a meeting held in Gonor Presbyterian Church, February 28th, the life of Dr. Livingstone, pioneer missionary and explorer in Africa, was illustrated by lantern slides. Mrs. Mackenzie read a story of the self-denial of one boy, who raised sufficient funds to provide a native school in South Africa. A capacity audience filled the Church. The Presbyterian Women's Day of Prayer was observed in Gonor Church and was well attended.

ONTARIO

MRS. D. MASON MCLENNAN, 167 ROEHAMPTON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SEC.

ALGOMA P.S. met in Westminster Church, Sault Ste. Marie, on March 10th. All reports were encouraging, and the allocation was exceeded. The President, Mrs. R. D. Curry, gave an address on Missions.

A short memorial service was held for the late Mrs. J. F. Nixon, and others who have passed on this last year.

Barrie P.S.—C.G.I.T. Groups of the Presbyterian Church in Orillia met with the W.M.S. Auxiliary and presented a musical programme with the story of "Ruth and Naomi" in pantomime. Miss Bernath described her work at the port of Quebec.

Elmvale Auxiliary has lost a valued worker and a Life Member in the passing of Mrs. Wm. Vansickle.

Collingwood Auxiliary has been bequeathed a legacy of \$1,000 by the will of the late Capt. W. J. Bassett.

Brockville P.S.—The World Day of Prayer was fittingly observed in St. Andrew's Church, Cardinal, when Presidents of Auxiliaries of different denominations took part in the programme.

Hamilton P.S.—In Central Church, Hamilton, the "Elizabeth Lyle" Auxiliary celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on March 5th. Mrs. Lyle, who was its organizer and first president, was the centre of happy reminiscences. She spoke of the organization of the Auxiliary which began as a Mission Band, and Rev. Mr. Barclay reviewed its history. Miss E. Fraser, Treasurer for 23 years, presented Mrs. Lyle with an Honorary Membership, and Mrs. D. H. Fletcher and Mrs. M. B. McQuesten paid tribute to her zeal and influence. Several Life Memberships were also presented.

A cake, with fifty candles, was cut by Mrs. Lyle during the social hour.

Peterborough P.S. record with deep regret the passing, on March 9th, of Mrs. Robert Hall, Honorary President of the Presbyterial, and also of St. Paul's Auxiliary, Peterborough.

Toronto P.S.—The annual dinner given by the Auxiliary of Dovercourt Road Church to the Y.W.A. and C.G.I.T. was held on March 9th, with an attendance of ninety. The meeting, in charge of the Y.W.A., was addressed by Mrs. H. MacMillan, Formosa.

Members of Dale, High Park, Morningside and Sloan Auxiliaries,



Mrs. Samuel Lyle, of Hamilton, who was the centre of interest and happy reminiscences at the 50th anniversary of the "Elizabeth Lyle" Auxiliary on March 5th. W.M.S. work in Hamilton was begun in 1877 by ladies from St. Paul's, St. John's, Central and McNab Street Churches, the organization being known as the Union Society. Mrs. Lyle was first Vice-President and rendered pioneer and heroic service in the first days of the W.M.S., forming meetings and interviewing Presbytery, for the ministers with small congregations and meagre salaries were not always willing to have a W.M.S. started. Mrs. Lyle has been spared to see the tree then planted grow and increase in size and strength, and in her joy we rejoice.

were the guests of the "Janet Geggie" Auxiliary, Parkdale Church, at their March meeting. Miss Laura Pelton, Field Secretary, gave an address, speaking particularly of the western Home Mission work.

Riverdale Auxiliary celebrated their fifteenth anniversary on March 12th, when Mrs. J. Inkster was the speaker. A birthday cake, with 15 candles, was the gift of Mrs. John Cornwith, the oldest member.

The history of the hospital work of the W.M.S. was outlined by Mrs. Jas. Logie at the Thank-offering meeting of Glenview Afternoon Auxiliary.

Morningside Auxiliary, at their April Thank-offering meeting, heard Miss Pelton speak on mission work in the West and its relation to national life.

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MRS. H. R. HORNE, Provincial President, presided at the different sessions of the seventeenth annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Provincial W.M.S., which was held in Knox Church, Moose Jaw, March 11th and 12th. The President, in her opening remarks, sounded an encouraging note stating that if we are co-workers with God "all things are possible."

All the departmental Secretaries, except two, were in attendance and presented reports which in the main were encouraging. Regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of two Secretaries, Mrs. G. McTavish and Mrs. D. M. Yule. Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, led the discussion following the adoption of the departmental reports. This discussion, which was very informal, resulted in many helpful and constructive suggestions concerning our work.

Greetings from the Council Executive, Synod of Saskatchewan, and British Columbia Provincial W.M.S. were read at the evening meeting.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. D. Ralston, in giving an outline of last year's activities, called attention to the fact that there was a slight decrease in membership and urged each organization to put forth an effort not only to gather in the missing members, but to bring in new members to fill up the ranks. Mrs. Ralston also called attention to the three-fold character of the W.M.S. work—to study, to pray and to give. She emphasized the fact that although conditions are difficult and it is impossible for many to contribute as freely as they would wish, yet they may all be a great source of strength to the Society through study and prayer.

Miss Lamont, in her address on "Missionary Mechanics" stressed the fact that we are "Builders for Eternity", and that the material used in the building is the child. Miss Lamont made a strong plea for tolerance and sympathy with the modern youth and urged that the Church in its

missionary work should endeavor to find a sympathetic outlet for the restlessness and love of adventure of the world's young people.

The thoughts to carry home were given by the three Presbyterian Presidents—Mrs. J. A. Sinclair, Regina; Mrs. H. A. Stavely, Weyburn; Mrs. W. G. Brown, Saskatoon. These brief messages were very timely and gave those present encouragement and strength to go forward into the new year with added hope and trust.

Moose Jaw P.S.—The "Torch Bearer" Group of C.G.I.T. of St. Paul's Church, Moose Jaw, held their annual mother and daughter banquet recently. The following toasts were proposed and responded to: The King, The Church, Our Mothers, Our Girls. Rev. Mr. McKnight, the guest of the evening, addressed the girls on the subject, "The Fourfold Life".

Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—Coleville Auxiliary reports their great appreciation of Miss Lamont's visit. Each month at the regular meeting they study the work of two missionaries in their respective fields.

Rev. J. Stanley Flook, Winnipeg, was the special speaker at the March meeting of the Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon. Mrs. J. Pettigrew gave a paper on the "Formosa Field." Rev. G. H. Gunn assisted with the devotions.

At the February meeting of the "James Nesbitt" Auxiliary, Prince Albert, Rev. R. G. MacKay, Rev. J. S. Flook, and Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary, were present. Following the meeting a dinner was given in Miss Lamont's honor by the members of the W.M.S. The "Lucy Baker" and "Silver Band" girls were also guests.

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		Administration	522.53
			\$17,316.68

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McMurray Hospital	148.33
Canora Hospital	513.00
Vegreville Hospital	273.75
Chinese in Canada	779.15
"Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian School	441.73

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Receipts	7,934.88	
Disbursements		\$17,316.68
Bank Balance		39,909.86
Pension Fund		8,022.71
Legacy Fund		12,810.98
Sustaining Fund		27,881.46
Bonds		11,500.00
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Editorial

CHINA'S Millions, the organ of the China Inland Mission, has had a number of interesting articles on Manchuria by Rev. W. J. Hanna, Tsitsihar, N. Manchuria. Mr. Hanna, a North American worker, went out in 1902 and was for many years at Tali, in the great south-western province Yunnan. Accompanied by Mr. D. M. Campbell, an American, he has now gone into Manchuria as a vanguard of the China Inland Mission's Forward Evangelistic Movement in that country.

Describing the journey northward Mr. Hanna says: "We stopped off at Mukden and met the missionaries there. We also stopped off at Szepingkai, and, making a detour, visited our old friends Dr. and Mrs. J. Goforth of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, who were at that time at an outstation conducting special meetings among students. They, and also Miss Kok, formerly of Yunnan, gave us a very hearty welcome, and greatly encouraged us as they told of doors open everywhere for the preaching of the Gospel. There is a definite work of the Spirit of God in progress in South Manchuria, where many are being turned from idols to serve the living and true God."

In the second article there appears this paragraph: "It has been my privilege to see the work of other missions as we have travelled about, and have happy fellowship with Christians of several nationalities. There is a good work among the many Koreans in Manchuria, and small groups of Korean Christians are to be found in many towns where there is little or no work being done among the Chinese. The Russian Christians, many of whom have suffered intensely, are aggressive in their work for Christ among their own people, and organized churches are springing up as a result of this effort. Mention must be made of the fine work being done in Taonan in Fengtien Province by Rev. Allan Reoch of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission. In the month of April I visited Mr. Reoch, who, with a force of some fourteen Chinese workers, is carrying on the finest piece of aggressive evangelism I have seen anywhere. Here one lone man with his Chinese staff of three pastors, three Bible women, four or five evangelists, and several colporteurs is not only carrying on an intensive campaign in the big city of Taonan but is also reaching out to the cities and towns in an

incredible area. Both at the Mission house and at a splendidly situated street-chapel Gospel preaching goes on daily from nine in the morning to six in the evening without intermission. The street-chapel is always filled with interested listeners, and many are being brought to Christ. . . .

“Manchuria has been declared by a Christian statesman to be ‘The greatest mission opportunity of the present generation.’ In this immense field only a small fraction of the people have ever heard the Gospel message, and yet, wherever we go we find wide-open doors for preaching and teaching a people who are strangely receptive. In a town where we had two meetings, as we passed through one woman said to another, ‘Oh, I have not heard enough. I want to hear more. If I could but hear more I would be a Christian’.”

THE minutes of the North Formosa Mission Council, of February 28th, contain three very interesting items. The first is the gift of yen 100.00 for books, from the Sei bi Kai in Taihoku for the Middle School library, and the proceeds of yen 110.00 from moving pictures towards the new library building. These gifts were reported by the Educational Committee. A gift of yen 500.00 to the Mackay Memorial Hospital from the Imperial Privy Purse was the happy announcement made by the Medical Committee. The members of the W.M.S. throughout Canada rejoice with their missionaries in Formosa at this practical expression of the appreciation of their efforts in education and medicine.

A BEAUTIFUL tribute to the late Dr. John Wilkie, of India, one of the greatest missionaries which the Presbyterian Church has sent to foreign fields, was paid by Knox Church, Guelph, on Sabbath, March 15th, when a handsome brass tablet, erected in his memory, was unveiled. The impressive ceremony was performed by Mrs. John Wilkie, his partner in his labors, joys and sorrows. Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, D.D., pastor of the church, spoke briefly in eulogy of the late Dr. Wilkie, saying: “In the annals of missionary endeavor, the name of Dr. John Wilkie will endure. Of rare type and intellectual calibre, and with special aptitude for missionary work, he carried through the various projects he undertook with unreserved consecration, and in masterful fashion. His life was cast in the truly heroic mould. He ‘never turned his back but marched breast forward.’ No memorial can possibly equal the undying influence of his life and labors, and it is fitting that here, where he worshipped and where he was designated, a tablet should be raised to his memory.” A solemn dedicatory prayer completed the ceremony.

MR. and Mrs. A. Hawtin, who, for the last sixteen years, have given themselves unstintedly to the farm settlement work in Jhansi, India, one of the most exacting and arduous branches of all missionary activity, arrived in Canada in May on a well earned furlough. We hope in a later issue to tell of this interesting phase of missionary work.

THE world W.C.T.U. Convention will be held in Toronto, June 3 to 10. Through our International Correspondent in South Africa, Mrs. Gray, Johannesburg, we learn that one of their missionary women, Mrs. J. K. Shennon, Capetown, a member of the Executive and World Superintendent of Moral Education, will be present.

Our Overseas Missions

Extracts from the Secretaries' Reports

FORMOSA

OF Formosa's population of 4,000,000, over 3,500,000 are descendants of Chinese who came from the mainland about 1662. Since 1895 when China ceded Formosa to Japan, the Japanese population has increased to over 200,000, while the aboriginal savage tribes, "head hunters", inhabiting the eastern part of the island, number about 150,000. The mission work of our Church is principally among the Chinese of North Formosa, though during 1930 a door has been opened for the evangelization of the head hunters. One native savage woman, who took a course in the W.M.S. Women's School, became a Bible woman and went back to her own people and is teaching and preaching the gospel. Two boys from the Ami tribe have also come to be educated at the Middle School. There is every possibility of them becoming preachers to their own people.

In North Formosa our Mission works practically from two centers—Tamsui and Taihoku, the evangelistic and educational work radiating throughout the surrounding areas.

Two new missionaries were appointed in 1930. Miss Isabel Taylor studying for the last two years at Toronto Conservatory of Music will receive her degree A.T.C.M. in June and proceed to the field as evangelist and music teacher. Miss Hildur Hermanson, R.N., has been appointed nurse at "Mackay" Memorial Hospital, and after a post-graduate course at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, England, will go to Formosa. Both these young women are graduates of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home and well equipped in every way for their life work.

In April, Miss Cummings, retired from the field, returning to Scotland. In June, Mrs. and Miss Gauld retired from work on the field and returned to Canada. Not only those with whom they came in contact in the mission

work of the field, but the W.M.S. as a whole have expressed warm appreciation of their friendship and service for the good of others.

The Girls' School has maintained its standard of excellence under the efficient Principal, Miss Clazie, assisted by Miss Douglas, who has taught English, Miss Burdick, who gives Bible teaching, and a capable staff of Formosan and Japanese teachers. Enrollment is 86, seventy-six being in high school and 10 in the preparatory department. Fifteen girls graduated in March (the end of the school year in Japan). Two of these are now teachers in our kindergarten. Regular Bible classes are held in addition to the high school course. Instrumental music is optional and an extra



Ami Tribe Dance

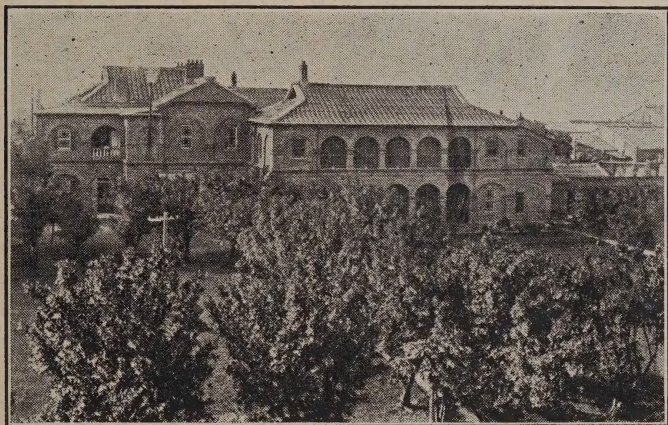
fee is paid. The time out of school is spent in play or gardening, each class looking after its own section of the flower plots.

October 30th was observed as "Education Day" throughout the Empire and the school also celebrated it. At special morning exercises the long services of Miss Go, senior Formosan teacher, were recognized by presenting her with a Bible. She has given continuous service as teacher in the school since her graduation in 1912. In the evening the pupils had a share with the other schools and young people's associations in a concert in the town hall, under the auspices of the Educational Association.

Religious activities include regular morning and evening worship, with Sunday services, Bible classes, midweek prayer meeting and Christian Endeavor meeting, conducted chiefly by students, with help from teachers.

All the girls attend regularly. Twelve have become active members, 4 united with the Church.

In the Women's School, under the excellent principalship of Miss Burdick, 26 women have received instruction in reading and writing Chinese and Japanese languages, arithmetic, geography, sewing and ethics, special instruction in both the Old and New Testament, and the singing of hymns. Wednesday evening a prayer meeting is held when Christian women of the neighborhood come to the school to give a message. The students take part in the prayer. The women attend regularly the Sunday services, the women's Sunday afternoon Bible class, the women's Tuesday afternoon women's meeting, all held in the Tamsui Church. They help in the Sunday



Mackay Memorial Hospital, Tainan

School and one young woman has been doing regular evangelistic work in the afternoons. She has taught 10 or 12 girls to read the catechism, which will soon be followed by reading the Bible. She is now a Bible helper. Another graduate has entered "Mackay" Memorial Hospital. The course in this school is only two years.

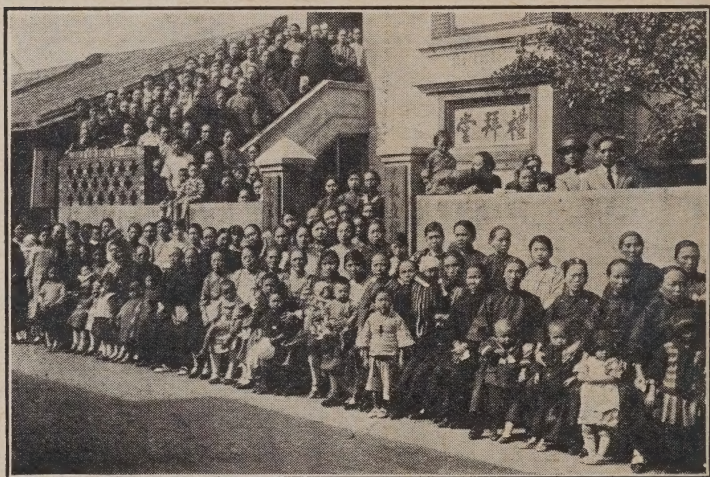
The kindergarten department, under Miss Adams, has been marked by steady, progressive work. The year began with 4 kindergartens, 7 teachers and 160 children in attendance. March was a memorable month for 64 of these, for it was their last month in kindergarten. In April they became public school pupils and are taking high places in their classes. They continue to come to Sunday School and the contact between them and their homes with our mission workers has not been broken. The enrollment at the close of the year had increased to 250. A fifth kindergarten

was opened at Matsuyama, with one teacher and 43 children. The kindergarten teaching staff now numbers 9.

An important forward step was taken when Dr. Stevens was appointed kindergarten doctor for Matsuyama. This is the first medical inspection in the kindergarten and will undoubtedly be of great benefit to the children.

The kindergarten Bible woman has made many visits to the homes, in several instances teaching members of the household to read Romanized Chinese. The teachers accompanied her on her visits.

The "Mackay" Memorial Hospital nursing department under the



Annual W.M.S. Meeting, Matsuyama

capable direction of Miss Senior, assisted by Mrs. Gushue Taylor and others on the staff, have had an unusually busy year, the services of the hospital being increasingly sought by the Formosans. The staff, in addition to our own mission staff, had 22 native nurses, 7 graduating in September, 5 remaining on the staff.

The nurses are being given regular instruction by Dr. Gushue Taylor, Dr. Por, Miss Senior, in Japanese by a Japanese teacher, and Bible study by Preacher Tan. The policy is to stress the ideal for nurses—unselfish service, intelligent care of the sick, deeper devotional life, broader sympathies.

Mrs. Koa continues her ministrations among Church and W.M.S. groups, and 7 Bible women, 4 of whom are supported by the Formosan W.M.S., are engaged in evangelistic work throughout the country and

city. Of the latter is Mrs. Iap, who carries the gospel message to the children and women patients at "Mackay" Hospital, and the friends who visit them.

The 8th annual meeting of the Formosan W.M.S., held in Matsuyama Church was largely attended and excellent reports were presented. An address on "Women of the Bible", a talk by Miss Clazie on training children in the home, were given. Mrs. Koa's sister, Mrs. Tan, was elected President.

The World Day of Prayer was observed, the programme being translated from the English.

The new year promises greater progress in our evangelistic work. W.M.S. Needs—Urgent—2 evangelistic workers, 1 principal for Girls' School (university graduate), 1 kindergarten teacher.

INDIA

LOOKING back to 1925 when we had only one devoted W.M.S. missionary left, while to-day we have ten, and thinking of our splendid new buildings, our three motors, our increased estimates and the many new developments, we realize that while we may celebrate the material progress, only He who giveth the increase can measure the extent, and bring forth a harvest from the seed that has been sown in His name.

This is the story of 1930. Miss Moodie writes with such happiness of her new life and surroundings, and points out so many interesting features of the work. One fact which we had not realized before is that One Pillar Hill which is partly on our compound at Jhansi marks the exact centre of India.

Miss Stringer reports 94 pupils enrolled at the "Helen Macdonald" Memorial School and 2 new teachers added to the staff, Mrs. Chaubey and Miss Williams. Miss Catherine Moodie was specially designated to this school. This year the curriculum was expanded to include sixth class work and Government examinations. Two of these girls are very clever students, one wishes to be a Bible woman and the other a doctor. The girls are well trained in all branches of house work and sewing. The starting of Girl Guide and Bluebird groups means more interest in games and the development of a sense of fair play and group spirit.

At the "Jean Stevenson Brown" Home we have 10 small orphans left in Gracebai's care after two of the older ones were promoted to the Boys' School.

Baragaon is now our evangelistic centre, Miss Whatling having removed to our lovely new bungalow and working from there to many villages. She has 8 devoted Bible women at work in 8 stations, and Gracebai and Tiziyabia carrying on in Jhansi city, all under her supervision. Regular

church services and Sunday School are held at Baragaon with a good attendance and decided increase of interest in the teaching.

Miss Simpson, our nurse at Jhansi, reports a very busy year. Out of the necessity for caring for some cases on our own premises (male especially) a little hospital ward was established at the dispensary and they are able to house some 6 patients. Miss Simpson has one capable nurse assistant, Miriam, who is also a Bible woman, and requires another if she is to do the district work which is so urgent and for which the car was provided. Sometimes there are 40 to 50 patients waiting in places outside the city where Miss Simpson tries to make weekly visits. The dispensary is open morning and evening; the possibilities of expansion are unlimited.

Miss Robson reports from Amkhut that the "M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home" has been the pivot whereon everything has turned during the year, and preaching and teaching were concentrated on the Bhils who came to work there. Miss Soutar, the nurse who will be in charge of the Home, writes, "It has been most interesting to watch the building as it has gradually taken shape and one is filled with wonder that the small person who terms herself 'only a woman' could plan and carry out all that is entailed, but the result is a building to be proud of, alike in comfort, usefulness and appearance."

The rainy season delayed building operations at Amkhut, so Miss Robson went on to Toran Mall to superintend the erection of the new summer bungalow there. Stephan, our own Bhil boy, who graduated with honors from the Industrial School at Nadiad was Miss Robson's right hand man. "Through all this busy-ness," writes Miss Robson, "runs the purpose for which we are here, the care of these simple jungle folk for whom Christ died, teaching here, training there, encouraging one, reproving another, laughing with them, weeping with them and loving them all the while."

Miss Maxwell spent part of the year at Toran Mall, giving the message to the men, women and children working on the bungalow and holding daily Bible classes. She also made many tours among non-Christians, with Sardi as base, accompanied by the native evangelists and Bible women. The W.M.S. has been asked by the Council on the field to open up work in Barwani as soon as possible.

Mr. George Singh, B.A., sent us a comprehensive report of the third annual summer school held at Amkhut instead of Toran Mall, in which all our missionaries participated, and where a most up-to-date and interesting course of study was followed.

Miss Williamson reports the Amkhut school year having been most gratifying, 159 pupils on the roll coming from 9 different stations. Four girls and 6 boys passed sixth class examinations. Two of the former went on to the Swedish Mission School at Betul to train as Bible women and

two to the M. E. Girls' School at Khandwa. Three of last year's graduates from there went on to Johnson High School at Jubbulpore and the 4 girls training as nurses in Jhansi and Ajmer were successful in their examinations. Village schools at Pangora and Toran Mall are supervised from Amkhut.

The girls have a beautiful garden in the compound where they grow vegetables to use and sell and many beautiful flowers.

Miss McConnell appeals for more accommodation at Jobat Hospital where with a capacity of 20 beds the average number of patients has been 30. This means that some of them supply their own beds, or lie on extra mattresses in odd corners. There has been much sickness and an increase in surgical cases. It is surprising how the people have changed in their ideas about operations; they now seem quite disappointed if they get well without one! Another example of prejudice being overcome is that it is now possible to persuade expectant mothers, including non-Christians, to come into hospital for their confinements, this is a real victory. The Bhil is the most grateful patient. Very little treatment and attention satisfies him and he feels a tremendous favor has been conferred if he derives even a small amount of benefit. When Miss McConnell is able to secure the help of more nurses she will expect to get out more into the villages for systematic visiting and district nursing by means of the car which Mrs. Joseph Henderson so generously provided for her use.

Thirty-five years ago Dr. Buchanan first went to the Bhil country and found a shy people not one of whom had ever heard the name of Jesus. In those first days no one would come near enough to hear but this Christmas there was hardly room enough to hold them all. To-day, there are splendid groups of men, women and children growing up under the influence of Christian teaching both at home and in school. Surely the hearts of Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan must rejoice to see how God has prospered the work which they began, and have since carried on in this beautiful, fruitful corner of His vineyard.

MANCHURIA

FROM a careful survey of the work in Manchuria it is evident that the cause has been steadily advancing and the number of Christians increasing. A spirit of liberality in giving is noted and above all the people are eager to listen to the preaching. The distribution of tracts is a joy to the missionaries, so eagerly are they received.

Miss Crockett, after spending the first months of the year in language study in Peiping and the western hills, found herself settled in Szepingkai in August. Although a graduate of the Language School in Canton, Miss Crockett found it necessary to go to Peiping and study the northern Mandarin, which is the spoken language in Manchuria.

The small Manchurian staff had been depleted in June by the loss of Miss Graham, who, after five years of earnest work, had to withdraw for personal reasons. Again in December, Miss Kok, after the same term of fine service as missionary and latterly as treasurer of the mission, resigned to the great regret of the natives and all who knew her worth. This leaves Miss Crockett so lately arrived on the field, in sole charge of the women's work. However, she is attacking it with a brave heart and finding much joy in distributing literature, visiting the Chinese Christians and helping inquirers to prepare for baptism. In writing of this latter, Miss Crockett says, "The examinations were very strict. Sometimes I wondered if some of the people at home could have passed the tests these people did. The knowledge of the Bible and its contents, which some of them evinced was certainly remarkable and very encouraging." She also paid tribute, after assisting in auditing the mission books, to the excellent system evolved by Miss Kok, a splendid foundation having been laid for her successors. She is convinced that at present more intensive rather than extensive work is needed, that building up is most essential if we are to have a strong Church, and her plea is, "The need is great, the opportunities are great but the message is incomparably greater our *primary* need is not money, nor yet men, but earnest, unceasing, united prayer for the work and workers, native and foreign, that there may be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us and His Name be glorified in all that is done."

Our sympathy is extended to the Manchurian Council on the enforced absence from the field of the Church's veteran missionaries, the Rev. Doctor and Mrs. Goforth, and we would pray for Doctor Goforth the healing touch of the Great Physician, and his and Mrs. Goforth's safe return to Manchuria in God's good time.

SOUTH CHINA

THREE years and a half ago, with Dr. Jessie MacBean's return to the reopened "Hackett" Medical College, Canton, after her furlough, we were able to add South China again to the fields for which our Society is partly responsible. Before the end of 1930 Miss Ethel Reid was back again in Canton amongst old friends and co-workers, so happy to find herself once more in the land of her adoption with the prospect of new avenues of work before her. Both missionaries tell of the changed Canton with its wide thoroughfares, its fine shops and buildings and, happily, last year, its freedom from attack in fighting. Business has progressed and our missionaries have been able to go about their work without hindrance.

Dr. MacBean's report of the work in "Hackett" Medical College, established "To save life and spread the True Light" with its maternity clinics, reads much like the report of any modern hospital in one of our

own Canadian centres. She and her two Chinese assistant doctors have done valiant service sharing the work of hospital, health clinics, and teaching, and are cheered as a result of putting most of the emphasis on the health work, in feeling that distinct progress has been made during the year. Slowly but surely the mothers are learning what pre-natal and post-natal care can do for themselves and their tiny children.

A nucleus for the health nursing centre will be formed this summer when two of the graduate nurses will return from Peiping, where they have been taking the Public Health Course, to join Miss Ng, the present splendid public health nurse, who has brought the clinics up to their efficient condition. The legacy of last year from the estate of a W.M.S. member has



Post-natal Baby Health Clinic managed by obstetrical staff of the Hackett Medical College. Dr. Virginia Wong is examining a baby, Dr. Jessie MacBean is seen holding a pair of twins born in the hospital.

made possible much improved quarters and more efficient equipment in Dr. MacBean's particular department in the hospital, for which she is very grateful. She also writes that her contact with her busy girls outside the hospital and class room as advisor to the nurses' Y.W.C.A., gives her special joy.

Miss Ethel Reid, for a time on our staff of workers among the Chinese in Canada, formerly a missionary under our Society in South China, on the invitation of the Church of Christ in China to take up evangelistic work, returned to China and is now settled in Shek Lung, Kwangtung Province. She has been placed in charge of the women's work in the Fourth Presbytery, and is the only woman missionary in that district. As a member of the Home Mission Board of the Church of Christ in China she has a voice in the disposition of the grant sent by our Society. This will be used to pay for much needed Bible women, Miss Reid's assistant, when

appointed, training classes and annual conference for Bible women at Canton, in which Miss Reid will take part. Miss Reid reports great progress in the Church of Christ in South China along the line of self support. Everywhere the feeling amongst Christian Chinese is that it is "our own



Child Welfare Clinic, David Gregg Hospital, Canton, showing staff of doctors, nurses and patients. Clinic was started in 1923. It is under Hackett Medical Hospital.

Chinese Church". They are showing themselves worthy and the missionaries feel it is no mistake to place the controlling power in their hands.

Both our missionaries in this far-away land ask earnestly for our unceasing prayers for their work, the people to whom they minister in body and soul, and for themselves.

JAPAN

ORGANIZED work among the Koreans in Japan is carried on in seven large districts with a native pastor and Bible woman in charge of each. These workers conduct the regular Sunday services in the churches, teach in Sunday schools and night schools, assist with Christian Endeavor Societies and women's organizations and visit daily. Other districts could be worked with profit, if finances would permit.

Our W. M. S. supports in this Mission, 2 missionaries, Miss Jean C. MacLean and Miss M. E. Anderson; 3 Bible women, 2 kindergarten teachers and their assistants and 2 Bible women in training. The two missionaries live in Kobe where a house is provided by the W.M.S. In this mission district there are 7 places of worship, 2 in the city and the others in adjoining towns, 6 Sunday schools, 2 night schools, 2 women's organizations, 4 Christian Endeavor Societies and 2 kindergarten schools. These speak of continued and steadfast work for our missionaries. Miss MacLean has oversight of all the kindergarten groups within the mission and reports a great need for more groups.

Present results are cleaner, brighter, happier and healthier children. Later results show a moral and spiritual benefit. The children memorize Scripture, learn hymns and hear Bible stories. They take part in Christmas entertainments, this teaches them the meaning of Christmas. Through the children the missionary has a contact with the non-Christian parents and gains entrance to the homes. The kindergarten thus has a far-reaching influence for these children will be the men and women of the future Korean Church.

Miss Anderson's great longing has been to work among Koreans and she is very happy with them and feels she has found her place as a missionary. She is busy learning the language.

Vacation schools were held in different centres during the summer and 734 Korean pupils studied the Bible for two weeks, some memorized as many as 80 Bible verses. It is hoped to increase the number of these schools next year, so that more children may be able to fulfil the motto of the mission for 1931, which is, "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee."

The W.M.S. maintains its interest in the work among girls in industry which Dr. Caroline Macdonald is carrying on in Tokyo, by giving a yearly grant of \$2,000. Japan like all other countries is suffering from business depression. Factories are shutting down or decreasing the number of their workers or replacing them by women where the type of work permits. The strain bears heavily on the women and girls. Girls' schools, whether night schools for working girls like our own, or schools of higher learning, feel the economic strain in the decreasing number of girls applying for admission. It is with a great deal of perseverance that the group of working girls in whom our W.M.S. is interested still gather five nights of the week to study with their faithful teachers. Every phase of work in which Dr. Macdonald is engaged is an effort to translate into ordinary deeds the spirit of Him who came that all might have an abundant life.



Poor Koreans. Sweaters and toys were sent from Canada.

BRITISH GUIANA

IN spite of the hard times from which British Guiana, in common with the rest of the world, is suffering, the Berbice Girls' High School of which Miss Mary Murray, B.A., is principal, is steadily advancing. There are now 40 pupils with a staff of 5 teachers, 3 of whom were former pupils of the School and 2 belong to the Mission. In this School, work from the primary to the Cambridge school certificate, which corresponds to our senior matriculation, is taken up. A fair proportion of the Cambridge candidates were successful. Cooking and sewing have been added to the course, with satisfactory results.

Commencement was a red-letter day. Lady Denham, wife of the



Girls of Training Home, Essequibo, British Guiana.
Our W.M.S. Maintains 5 girls here.

present Governor, presented the prizes and certificates. A few days later she visited the School and showed a keen interest in the work being done and offered prizes for cooking and laundry work.

A domestic science course for primary school girls has been added. The teacher of this class is paid by the Government and the girl in charge is another former pupil of the Girls' High School. An Old Girls' Association, organized in 1929 follows the programme similar to that of the C.G.I.T. but adapted for older girls. All the girls come from nominally Christian homes.

The Girls' High School building, known as the Brick House, has been gradually crumbling to pieces and last September was condemned. The school has been held in the field manse since.

Miss Selina Cropper, who serves as a half-time evangelistic worker, at Demerara, has unfortunately been ill and her work has suffered in consequence. Since her recovery she has made 64 visits in homes and hospitals, held classes for women and children, conducted two Sunday schools at Better Hope and was ever ready with the kindly sympathetic word and the helpful hand for those in trouble or sorrow.

Candidates

MRS. D. INGLIS GRANT

THERE was no lack of employment for the Candidates Department during the past year. In fact the work was extended, somewhat, not from choice, but rather from necessity.

Hitherto, this has been a receiving department, candidates came to it, applications were received by it. Of late, and because of pressing needs, a more aggressive policy has been followed. If the type of worker required was not forthcoming, it became the duty of the Candidates Committee, or rather of the Candidates Secretary, to go out after her.

No small part of last year's correspondence was carried on with young women who were not in any sense applicants for service. In so far as can be known, much of the effort thus expended was of no avail, and even in the face of great need, one questions the wisdom of seeking missionary recruits from the ranks of those who have not been sufficiently interested to make any approach themselves. Rightly or wrongly, your Secretary is of the opinion that, as a rule, the interests of this Society, so far as workers are concerned, will be best served when candidates come of their own accord, or, through the Student Department.

Many applications for National work came in during the year, not many for work abroad. For Overseas work, two or more years hence, there are some candidates in sight. Our present concern is for next year's needs. Two university graduates, one experienced teacher, and a highly valued hospital worker were lost to our overseas work during the year, three because of adverse medical reports, and one for family reasons.

The college trained principal for the Girls' School in Formosa is still being sought. In this connection, and as a last resort, the Candidates Committee at a recent meeting, sent on to the Student Committee a request that this need should in some manner be brought directly to the knowledge of possible candidates, in university circles. Already the plan being worked out by the Student Secretary is arousing interest,

and may yet convince us, that our last resort might well have been our first.

Formosa is again asking for two evangelistic workers, and the request for a public health nurse for Manchuria is being renewed.

At long last, and with much thanksgiving we report the appointment of a missionary music teacher to Formosa. Miss Isabel Taylor, of Orillia, who came to the Training Home in October, 1929, to qualify as an Associate of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, and also to make some very necessary missionary preparation, hopes to complete this dual undertaking in June, and to leave in the early autumn for her appointed field.

Miss Hildur Hermanson, formerly of our Canora Hospital staff, is also under appointment to Formosa. Pursuant to a request from the Field, and if present plans carry, Miss Hermanson will go to London, England, for a six months' course in midwifery (which cannot be obtained in Canada), after which she will join the nursing staff of the Mackay Memorial Hospital, in Taihoku, Formosa.

Through the Department seventeen appointments were made to National work. Two appointees withdrew later. Those who entered the work are:— Miss Katherine Macdonald, of Toronto, deaconess, appointed as matron to the "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School, Kenora; Miss Verna Smyth, of Stroud, Ontario, a nurse, to the South Porcupine Hospital staff; Miss Margaret Jamieson, of Vancouver, and Miss Helen Cameron, of Glencoe, Ontario, teachers, to the "Cecilia Jeffrey" School; Miss Mary Todd, of Ailsa Craig, Ontario, deaconess, to Winnipeg; Miss Janet Carruthers, of Saskatoon, nurse, to "Cecilia Jeffrey" School; Miss Janie Bell, of Edmonton, teacher, to our Vegreville School; Miss Kathleen Anderson, Beauharnois, deaconess, to Scott Institute, Toronto; Miss Hazel Macdonald, of Goderich, deaconess, to Pouce Coupe, Peace River Block, B.C.; Miss Beryl MacLeod, of Edmonton, teacher, to the W.M.S. School, Vegreville, Alta.; Miss Frieda Matthews, of Stirling, Ontario, to the "Cecilia Jeffrey" School; Miss Millicent Walker, of Tisdale, Sask., deaconess, to port work in Quebec city; Miss Florence Manzer, Nashwaak Bridge, N.B., to port work in Montreal; and Miss Frances Blair, Mimico Beach, Ontario, deaconess, with Evelyn Forsythe, Swift Current, Sask., a pupil deaconess, to survey work in the Presbytery of Toronto.

"A little corner for my Lord, to till,
A little chalice for my Lord, to fill,
Some blessedness to know, of labor done,
Some quiet resting at the set of sun—
And comes God's peace to overbrim my soul;
Life hath no fragments. 'Tis a perfect whole."

Welcome to Miss E. C. Reid who has come to Our Presbytery to Work

The following is a rough translation of an article which appeared in the little paper entitled "Glad Tidings" which is published by the Shek Lung Presbytery, South China.

WE give thanks to God who always sends workers to our field. After Mr. and Mrs. Marshall returned to America, there was no foreign missionary working here. But even before they left, there was expressed the desire that Miss E. C. Reid should come. Miss Reid is a missionary of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, and came first to China in 1912, working for the Lord both at Kong Moon and Shekki. She helped a great many women and girls to know the way of salvation, and to grow in the knowledge of the Lord. Six years ago Miss Reid returned to her home and because her mother was old and for other reasons could not return to China. But in her own country she worked among our Chinese people. After her mother's death, the Kwong Tung Synod of our church asked that she return to China to help in the work here, suggesting the choice of two or three places in which to serve. Miss Reid felt that the Lord guided, and especially because of the earnestness of the request of our presbytery before she had been back very long, she decided to come to Shek Lung, to help in the work of our whole district. Although Miss Reid has not been here very long she has already visited Cha Shan (Tea Hill), Pak Shek (White Stone), Peke Mui Fa Tei (Plum Blossom Place), Tai Fan (Great Place), Ap Chi Leng (Duck Wing Hill), Lin Ping (Lotus Plain), Yau Koo Long (Ancient Hill), Tai Tong (Great Pond), Liu Pe (Liu Landing), and other places. Where ever there is an opportunity she has gone to see how she can best help. All our Christians are thankful to God that Miss Reid has come to our Presbytery to work, and they should pray for Miss Reid and her work and in this way the Christian women of our district will be more closely drawn together, and with one heart and mind spread abroad the news of Salvation. Psalms 68: 11 (R.V.) "The Lord giveth the Word,—the women that published the tidings are a great host."

A Hackett Graduate Makes a Trip into the Country

TUNG YING WONG, M.D.

SWING, swing; tramp, tramp; my chair carriers tirelessly ascend the mountain path swinging and jolting me up and down; stopping only when the way is so steep that I must descend and walk. On every side are mountain tops green with vegetation; below are the paddy fields brown with the stubble of the rice harvest. The mountain tops help my spirits to rise, but the brown paddy fields remind me of aching joints and of the tedious trip still before me. I try to keep my eyes on the mountains for then my thoughts are happier.

It seems a long time since I left Hackett with its orderly routine. To-day is Tuesday. The routine will include dispensary and they will miss me if the day is fair and the patients are numerous. It is eight days since news came that my grandmother was very ill, and five days since I left Canton by boat. For four days I have been riding in this light bamboo chair, and I am told it will be three days more before we reach the village of Hoh Yeen where I was born and where my grandmother lives. The message said that grandmother had a pain in her chest—so treacherous with old people that I hope she will be there when I arrive. When my body aches with the fatigue of sitting I walk until tired feet force me to ride again. If only the aunt who accompanies me might have been father how much pleasanter it would be to walk. He could tell stories of this country and its people—the aborigines and the mountain people; the progressive Hakkas to which our family belongs, who have always tried to promote education and culture; the remnants of old official families sent into these mountains by the old government; and the merchants from Kwangtung Province. Father would have come if times were peaceful and bandits were not so numerous. How fortunate it is to be a mere girl, unimportant in the eyes of bandits, with no possessions to protect. When will there be peace in China so that travel will be safe, roads can be built, and the people can prosper? Peace means a strong efficient government—my eyes have dropped to the paddy fields and it takes an effort to lift them to the mountain tops again.

My dear old grandmother! How glad I am that I am a doctor and can go to help her! And how thankful I am of my family of whom I have always been proud. Immigrants to this district some 80 years ago, they have always contributed their share to the tradition of learning and the efforts of the Hakkas to foster culture. Both my father and grandfather were sent away to receive the old classical education. My grand-

father was rightly proud of his degree received under the old empire. Even the learning has always been honored in our family I am the first girl to receive an education. I chose to study medicine at Hackett because that seems to me to be an honorable and beautiful thing to do and there are so few women physicians in China. In the district of Hoh Yeen there is not one doctor, either man or woman. The people treat their own sick with the herbs they gather. . . . Our party rounds the top of the mountain and we begin the descent on the other side. I much prefer to walk for the ropes which form the footrest might break and where would I stop if that should happen! . . .

Squeak, squeak, squeak, the large tail-oar of our low-covered river boat adds a discordant note to the musical ripple of the water as we slowly move down stream. For nine days we have been floating down the river with nine other boats, halting together at night for protection. It will be another day before we reach Wuchow where we take a steamer for Canton. There are sixteen of us on this small boat—eight of our party and eight of the boat people. Grandmother is along. I found her recovering from pleurisy when I arrived and I waited more than a month for her to get strong enough to return to Canton with me. My heart should be happier for my trip has been successful and the river scenery is beautiful. The mountain tops high above us are covered with snow; the green bamboo trees which border the river are most graceful. They give the river its name.

Again, my heart should be light for we are safely past the bandits. How glad I was that they did not search the boat and find us hidden in the bed clothes! Fortunately, they were satisfied with the meal the boat people prepared for them and the amount we paid them to let us pass. Even so, two hours is a long time to entertain bandits.

The sick folks I have seen! from five to ten every day. What would I not have given for even a small case of drugs from the hospital. But how was I to know their needs? They were so sure that I could help them; they were so eager for me just to see their sick. I gave them all the help I could, and I even went a day's journey into the mountains to see one poor woman. How could my heart be happy when I felt so helpless, having nothing to work with. Their faith in the name of Hackett is unlimited. Many of our family friends have come to Hackett for treatment, at least sixteen that I can remember, and fortunately all have recovered. That is the reason these three sick women in our party were willing to come with me to enter the hospital on my advice. I will know what medicines to take another time. And surely I will never need to leave on less than twelve hours notice again.

Books Old and New

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

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"We'll start with a kite"
Said the Pedlar Man.

"Some grains of rice,
A chrysanthemum,
That is the order
In which they come."

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THE CLASH OF WORLD FORCES is Basil Mathew's new book, and when we say it is a study in Nationalism, Bolshevism and Christianity, everyone interested in the rapidly changing conditions of the present day will want to read it. A shipment has just arrived from Scotland, price each 60c.

OUT OF BONDAGE is a similar book by Stephen Neill, and it is on Christ and the Indian Villager. India is a country of countless villages, and the author believes that they present the greatest opportunity the Church has had for a thousand years. Price per copy 60c.

IS THY GOD ABLE?, by Rev. A. B. Lewis, is the story of 100 days' captivity in the hands of communist bandits in China when Rev. and Mrs. Porteous were captured last year. Price per copy 35c.

PERSONAL POWER, by Dr. W. L. Stidger, is a splendid book for those who wish to develop their personality, by overcoming fear and cultivating faith, vision, personality, etc., on a Christian basis. This book is only one dollar per copy in a new edition.

BOOKS FOR THE SUMMER SCHOOL

These may be secured by your Literature Secretary writing in good time for them, and giving definite instructions where to ship the parcel. The following are suggestions:

THE GREAT QUEST, by W. B. Moody, is a book that combines nature with the quest of truth, regular \$1.50, we offer them for 50c. each. A lovely gift for summer friendships, or birthdays.

YOUTH AND RECREATION—just the thing for Camp, price 20c.

YOUTH AT WORSHIP. Every leader will need one, price 20c.

These are only a few of the dozen or two that go to make up a Summer School parcel.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

PRAYER AND MISSIONS

Bible reading—Eph. 3: 14-21. *Prayer* for our missionaries overseas (name them if possible). *Hymn*—494, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". *Roll Call*—answer to name with a text or verse on prayer. *Business*. *Offering*. *Inspirational Talk*—"What Prayer Does for Us": Transforms our lives—Rom. 12: 2; Acts 9: 11-20. Leads us to serve—Acts 11: 5-15. Strengthens our faith—John 16:23 Mark 11.24. Gives victory—Ex. 17:10-15. Gives joy—John 16: 24. *Hymn*—498, "From Every Stormy Wind That Blows." *Closing prayer*—That we may be faithful to our responsibility.

Prayer

“O GOD, Thou Fountain of Life and Love, Source of all Strength, we praise Thee for those who, having seen Thy light, have gone forth in Thy strength to make known Thy love and power to the peoples of India, China, Formosa, Japan, British Guiana. We plead with Thee to give patience and perseverance to those who study the language with an aptitude for acquiring the same, that they may endure the strain of the early years of service, keeping their vision clear and their love warm. Bless those who, following in the footsteps of the Great Healer, minister to the suffering and the sick. May their message of love win many hearts to Him. Bless the teachers in the schools that the influence of their lives may bring their pupils to the knowledge of Him, Whom to know is Life Eternal: May Thy Word, preached, taught, and exemplified in service, bring many to the feet of their Redeemer and King. Grant all workers, both foreign and native, humility, love, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

YOUNG WOMEN

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME ON INDIA

BASED ON “THE HINDU”, BY REV. GEORGE CARSTAIRS, B.D.

(THE RACES BEYOND SERIES)

STUDY 1. (Based on Chapter I)

The People of India.
The Dravidians.
The Aryans.
The Mohammedans.

STUDY 2. (Based on Chapter VII)

Compare conditions of women and children in India as a result of their Eastern belief, with conditions here as a result of Christianity. Supplementary reading—“Sister India”,* by Edith M. Craske; “Moslem Women”,* by Dr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Zwemer.

STUDY 3. (Based on Chapter V)

The Growing National Consciousness of India and Contributing Causes. Is present day India as compared with fifty years ago a credit or discredit to Christian missions?

Supplementary reading—"A Waking World"* by Stanley High, pages 68-109.

STUDY 4. (Based on Chapter VIII of "The Hindu," and Chapter IV of "Ambassadors of Good Will")*

The youth of India are willing to sacrifice their lives for an ideal (nationalism). Have the youth of Christian countries an equal capacity for sacrifice in making known Christ, our Supreme Ideal Who would bring life itself to the youth of India? If the young women of our Church had this desire and enthusiasm for sacrifice who can estimate the result?

STUDY 5 AND 6. On our two fields in India—the Gwalior Mission, Jhansi and the Bhil Field.

Slides may be used; a speaker may be asked to talk on our own work; or a debate might be found stimulating.

Note: Next month will have a study on suggested outline on China leading to Manchuria.

Things to avoid in these studies:

Don't try to cover too much, better one point made than half a dozen touched.

Don't worry about understanding the Eastern religions. For your purpose you merely want to know their effect upon the people.

Don't urge members to take part, give them time to become familiar with this study method.

Don't hesitate to lead more than once if you are able to do so. The others will take their share when they feel they can.

* These would be good books to have in your missionary library.

An Appreciation

"The Young Women's Auxiliaries of Toronto have expressed with much enthusiasm their appreciation of Miss Pelton's course of lectures entitled, 'The Romance of Missions'; 'The Life of Missions'; 'The Reason for Missions'; 'Missions and Me'. These were given in twelve centres during January, February and March and have been full of instruction and inspiration. While our Young Women's Auxiliaries often gave their regular meeting times to the lectures, it has been well worth while and they feel that something vital has been added to the work of the W.M.S., and also to the lives of those who attended."

These lectures have been printed and are now on sale. See page 241.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

Affiliation Service

For Girls' Organizations Affiliating with the W.M.S.

Prepared by Isabel Hill

PART 1: First part of service led by C.G.I.T. President.

Call to Worship: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

Hymn: Come let us sing of a wonderful love (verses 1 & 4).

Scripture: John 15: 1-17.

Prayer Hymn: Breathe on Me, Breath of God. (Sung softly with bowed heads).

President: "Jesus said I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

"I am the Good Shepherd, the Good Shepherd giveth His life for the sheep."

"Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one flock and one shepherd."

"How shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? Even as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things?"

Prayer: "O God, Whom we may call Father, help us to see in all the peoples of the earth Thy children. May the wonder and the glory of Thy Father-Heart touch us that we too may share in that generous loving, and in the vision of all Thy sons and daughters everywhere gathering together to call Thee blessed. As Canadian Girls in Training who are striving to become the girls God would have us be, may we feel responsibility for those girls of other lands who have hearts and minds and dreams like to our own, but who because the Light of Thy love has not been shown to them, cannot know the abundant life given to us all in Jesus Christ. At this service, we pray that our hearts may be so filled with loving that we may go joyously forward to our share of bringing in Thy Kingdom on earth." For Jesus' sake, Amen.

PART 2: To be taken by C.G.I.T. Secretary or Leader.

Travelling the Highway of Life there was once a company of girls, banded together to make of their journeying a way of delight and highest endeavor. This was their purpose as they proceeded: (C.G.I.T. purpose.)

The Highway lay straight before them with much of sunlight and joy, but a hill ahead ever called to them, and so light of foot and light of heart they began the ascent of this, the Hill of the World. Then had they need for strength of body and spirit, and for much faith. Yet they persevered because their hearts were brave and because they knew that at the crest of this Hill, there would be given to them the Vision of Youth and Love, for were they not journeying under the leadership of Jesus.

At last the height was attained, and as they stood watching, the view widened and they saw the Kingdom of the World as it might be. All the nations of the earth had turned their eyes to the Prince of Peace. The rule of Love was the one that prevailed and everywhere voices were lifted in praise and singing to the God and Father of all. The vision faded and, in its stead, appeared the picture of reality. Now they saw that not in every country were temples raised to God; not every one exalted the name of Jesus above all others and not even the nations who knew Him remembered His teachings. Still farther, as the scene extended, they beheld distant lands where there were strange gods and cruel customs and many people living in darkness because the Light of The World had not been shown unto them.

Then the girls knew why they had come that way and why there had been given them this vision. Their privilege it was to hold out hands of friendship and love to those other folk who stumbled along the way.

Again the scene changed and before them on the Highway, they noticed a band of women who must have earlier climbed the Hill of the World and from its height beheld the same vision; and, as these women journeyed, they carried aloft a banner with the words emblazoned "The World for Christ". Then the girls knew that those before them on the way were members of the Women's Missionary Society. Looking back in turn, the women saw the young travellers and welcomed them gladly, certain that the Vision of Love had likewise filled their eyes, and that their hearts and hands were willing and ready to share friendship and love with their sisters of many lands. Strengthened by these new recruits,

the company pressed forward together, united in their effort to bring to fulfilment the Vision of the Hill of the World.

Hymn: We've a Story to Tell to the Nations. (one verse and chorus)

PART 3: Girls all stand and join in service here.

Leader: As Canadian Girls in Training, is it your purpose to have fellowship with girls and women in other lands, that you may have better understanding and friendship with them?

Girls: This is our purpose.

Leader: As Canadian Girls in Training, is it your purpose to try to so learn the heart of Jesus that you will want to have a part in extending His Kingdom on earth?

Girls: This is our purpose.

Leader: As Canadian Girls in Training in this church is it your purpose to become an affiliated unit of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, to whom has been entrusted the special work of caring for girls and women in our own land and in India, Japan, Formosa, Manchuria, and British Guiana?

Girls: This is our purpose.

Leader: As an affiliated group of the W.M.S., is it your purpose to study and learn of the work being done in these places, that you may more intelligently help these girls with whom you feel friendship?

Girls: This is our purpose.

Leader: As an affiliated group of the W.M.S., is it your purpose to pray regularly and faithfully that the work of the W.M.S. may be blessed and that you by communion with the Father may have hearts more open to the cry of need and longing?

Girls: This is our purpose.

Leader: As an affiliated group of the W.M.S., is it your purpose to give of your gifts and as you are able, to strengthen this work of friendship and love, through the W.M.S. of your Church?

Girls: This is our purpose.

Leader: (turning to W.M.S. representative). Having heard this purpose, will you therefore in the name of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, affiliate this..... C.G.I.T. Group?

PART 4: *W.M.S. representative:* "And a highway shall be there and a way, and it shall be called the way of Holiness." As one of the Company that form the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, I give you glad welcome and declare you an affiliated group. Together we are now travelling the road

that is leading to the Kingdom of God, and we rejoice that your young strength is added to ours. The road is long, and the glory of the Kingdom at the end may seem very distant, but the way is straight and sure, and ahead of us is our Companion-Lord holding high the Light of His Love for our guiding:

“Oh, matchless honor, all unsought,
High privilege surpassing thought,
That Thou should call us, Lord, to be
Linked in fellowship with Thee,
To carry out Thy wondrous plan
To bear Thy messages to man
In trust with Christ’s own word of grace
To every soul of human race.”

Journey on, O new companions of the way, the way that is the Highway of Holiness and Love, and may you keep ever the high heart that lightens burdens, the friendly spirit that seeks to share, and the glowing faith that knows the vision of the whole family of God rejoicing in that fullness of life which Jesus came to bestow. “Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.”

Hymn: Lead on, O King Eternal.

Note: Since this service was prepared for the C.G.I.T. groups in Knox Church, Ottawa, and since the majority of the organizations affiliated with the W.M.S. are C.G.I.T. Groups, the original form has been left, but individual organizations may easily adapt it to their use, substituting purpose, etc.

Another suggestion is that one hymn be used throughout, a selection being made from those mentioned and separate verses being sung in place of individual hymns.

CAMPS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

WHEN making summer plans do not overlook the training benefit and good times derived from summer camps and summer school experiences. Write to the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People’s Societies, Room 701 Sterling Tower Building, 372 Bay Street, Toronto 2, for information about leadership camps, summer schools, and camps for boys and girls, both Presbyterian and Interdenominational.

Girls! Be sure and read Dr. Jessie MacBean’s report, page 210, and the story by the doctor at “Hackett” Medical College p. 218.

MISSION BANDS

PROGRAMME FOR JUNE

Hymn—"I Think When I Read" (738); *Scripture Lesson*—Matt. 9: 35-38 (memorized and repeated in unison); *Prayer*—Our Work in British Guiana; *Hymn*—"Birds Are Singing" (723); *Mission Band Prayer*:

Dear Jesus, bless our Mission Band
And boys and girls in every land.
Help us to send "The News" abroad
That all may come to know our God;
That they and we, our sins forgiven,
May meet around Thy throne in Heaven. Amen.

Minutes; Reports and Roll Call; Offering and Prayer; Address or Story;
Hymn—"Sow the Seed Beside All Waters" (388), verses 1, 4, 5; *Prayer*—Mizpah.

MORE ABOUT THE JAWAHER FAMILY

Dear Girls and Boys of our Mission Bands:

YOU remember the story of the Jawaher family of British Guiana, in your delightful little story book, "The Missionary Told It," do you not? I am sure you will be glad to hear how they are getting along. Well, they are getting along nicely.

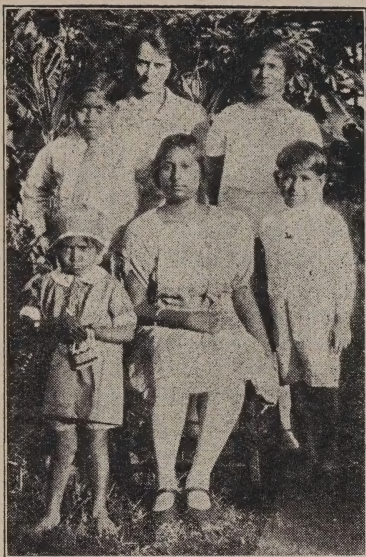
Abraham is principal of a school in Demerara and Margaret is assistant teacher in the same school; their young brother, Joseph, lives with them and goes to school. Abraham is studying hard for the teacher's Hindi examination. Veronica is assistant teacher in a school, which has recently been opened at Hamburg, on one of the islands in the Essequibo River; she has to go to and from her school every day in a little boat. This would seem to be a little dangerous for her, does it not? Nearly thirty years ago the first missionary to go to Essequibo, John Daniel McKay, from Earlstown, N.S., was drowned in that river. He had been there less than two years.

Baby Ruth, who is now nearly five years old, lives at the Girls' Training Home, in the care of Miss Barlow, the Superintendent. She is the pet of all the girls in the Home. Last Christmas, a kind lady in Canada sent her a complete outfit of clothing, which included short socks and slippers. Can you not imagine you can see the proud and happy

little girl in her new outfit? Jacob, the other young brother, is attending the Boys' High School at New Amsterdam, Berbice.

You see the family is quite scattered. They are in three different counties, but, you must remember, that British Guiana is a small country and is divided into just three counties, Berbice, Demerara and Essequibo. Remember, too, that there are a great many people living in this small country who do not know of Jesus and His love for them and are living in miserable conditions. When you are thinking of and praying for the boys and girls in far off India, include in your thoughts and prayers, their relatives in British Guiana—the East Indians—they, too, need your prayers.

—Mrs. A. B. Rice.



The Jawaher Family.

Back row; Jacob, Memsahib Fisher, Veronica. Bottom row: Ruth, Margaret, Joseph.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. D. S. MACKENZIE, 8809, 112TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY
RED DEER P.S.—The World Day of Prayer was observed in Innisfail, the meeting being held in the Presbyterian Church. Captain O'Brien of the Salvation Army was the leader. There was a good representation of ladies from each denomination.

A children's party was held at Valley Centre in December. Each child in the district was remembered with a little gift. Members of the Associate Society at Valley Centre plan to buy remnants to make articles for a sale.

Mr. T. M. Fraser has done much to arouse interest in the W.M.S. work in his field, two Mission Bands, one at Willowdale under the leadership of Mrs. Saunders, and another at Hillend under the leadership of Mrs. Harold Comer, have been re-organized. Mr. Fraser is now endeavoring to start Associate Societies at other points in his field.

Mrs. R. G. McArthur and Miss Minnie Bamsey are joint leaders of the "Silver Star" Mission Band, Innisfail. They have now a membership of 14. A comprehensive report of the Provincial was given by the delegates at the April meeting of the Innisfail W.M.S. Part of the supply work is completed.

The Mission Band at Three Hills held a successful tea, the members themselves being responsible for all arrangements.

Macleod P.S.—St. Andrew's W.M.S., Lethbridge, reports well attended meetings with an increase in membership. Early in March a tea was held enabling them to present a second Life Membership. A slight departure from the regular routine has been made in the meetings. After the devotional exercises and the study book paper is read and discussed, the members sew patches for quilts while the "Life of Dr. Robertson" is read to them.

Calgary P.S.—Impressions of the Provincial meeting were given by Mrs. Begg, Mrs. John Bell and Mrs. Rae at the March meeting of the Executive. Mention was made of the warm welcome received, the splendid co-operation, and fine determination to maintain a high standard in all undertakings.

The names of six Chinese women were received, and arrangements made for them to be visited and welcomed to their new homes.

Miss Hamilton, Knox Auxiliary, was appointed Mission Band Secretary in place of Mrs. Hollingworth, whose resignation was regretfully accepted. Mrs. Hollingworth will make her home in Prince Rupert.

Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Bell have made a survey of the city hospitals, seeking the names of Presbyterian nurses in order that these young women may be welcomed to our churches and homes.

The Auxiliaries of the Presbyterian are, in turn, responsible for the devotional period at the executive meetings.

Nine new subscriptions for *Glad Tidings* were reported.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY
Annual Meeting

THE seventeenth annual meeting of the Provincial W.M.S. was held in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, March 31st and April 1st, the President, Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, presiding. There was a good attendance at all sessions. The meeting was opened by a prayer service conducted by the special workers of the province. The devotional period following was in charge of Westminster Presbyterial.

After the appointment of committees, greetings were read from the other provinces, also from Mrs. Strachan, the President of the W.M.S.

Mrs. Ledingham, in her address, thanked all officers and members for their co-operation during the past year, making it a most successful one in every way.

Departmental reports were most encouraging, giving testimony to the devoted leadership and consecrated efforts of all the workers. The Treasurer's report was received with applause, as it showed a substantial increase in all branches, the total receipts being \$6,370.62, showing the allocation had been over-subscribed. The Supply Secretary reported that \$576.75 in goods and cash had been received. Mission Bands, Home Helpers and Young Women's organizations have increased in members and givings.

The Corresponding Secretary gave an excellent report, covering the activities of the year. Each report was followed by a short discussion, many good ideas being exchanged.

The special workers of the province told of the work among the Chinese in Victoria and Vancouver. The response by the women and children has been especially gratifying. Mrs. J. F. McLean and Miss Grigor, who are the deaconesses for the Province and Vancouver and vicinity, told of some of their experiences, visiting new families, organizing new Sunday Schools, conducting services and many other duties, which come into the every day life of a deaconess. They had many encouraging things to report of the courage and steadfastness of the people, especially in the outlying districts.

Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, and Miss McGregor, Girls' Work Secretary, were the special speakers. Two addresses were given by each. Miss McGregor made her listeners realize more fully the great importance of the work being done among the boys and girls. Miss Lamont, in one address, spoke of "Youth and Missions," and made a special appeal to the young people present to invest their lives in the cause of missions.

An interesting paper, by Mrs. Rennie, told of the organization of the W.M.S. in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, being the first permanent Auxiliary on the mainland. Mrs. Vert, who was the first President and has been a member continuously since that time, was presented with a Life Membership in recognition of her long and faithful services.

Mrs. G. W. Ledingham was re-elected President. The officers were installed by Mrs. R. M. Thomson.

A banquet on the first evening, provided by the Westminster Presbyterial, where greetings from Synod, Presbytery and inter-church Societies were given, also a luncheon on the second day, provided by the ladies of St. Andrew's Church, were much enjoyed.

After the resolutions were presented and adopted, the closing words

and benediction brought to a close one of the best annual meetings of the province.

Changes in Officers: Treasurer, Mrs. H. H. Urquhart; Girls' Organizations, Miss Sybil White; Supply, Mrs. A. A. McKinnon; Library, Mrs. H. J. Barry; Literature and *Glad Tidings*, Mrs. G. Ellis; Exchange, Miss Jessie A. Morrice.



At the March meeting of Central Church Auxiliary, Vancouver, reports for the past month were given by Mrs. J. T. Thompson and Mrs. J. M. Murray. Mrs. E. G. Mader was appointed Mission Band Secretary in place of Mrs. Donald Cameron, who has resigned. Mrs. E. N. Harvie gave an historical sketch of the Indians in Canada, leading up to the establishment of the first Presbyterian missions among them by the Rev. James Nesbit in what was then the far North-west and later, upon the arrival of Miss Lucy Baker, the founding of the first school home at Prince Albert.

MANITOBA

MRS. W. F. HOGARTH, 118 N. JOHN ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SEC.

BRANDON P.S.—The W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Church, Brandon, held their Thank-offering April 8th, as it was Easter holidays, the Mission Band was also present. Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Presbyterial President, addressed the Auxiliary and Mrs. J. Howe the Mission Band. Both addresses were full of inspiration to the many present. The Band members also contributed to the musical programme. The offering was over \$13.

The April meeting of Boissevain Auxiliary and Mission Band was of special importance. Mrs. J. A. McDonald and Mrs. Howe of Brandon were present. Mrs. Howe spoke particularly of the Provincial report given in Winnipeg. The Band contributed a beautiful pageant and musical numbers.

The Easter Thank-offering of First Church, Brandon, was well attended. Mrs. R. A. Hamlin was the speaker. Reports of the Provincial meeting were given by Mrs. H. L. Crawford and Mary Scott from the Mission Band. A musical programme by Miss Young and four Mission Band girls was enjoyed. The offering was \$44.41.

First Church, Brandon, has tried a new system which they believe will help every department of church work. They have divided the membership into ten groups with a convener for each one. Each group is responsible for arranging every detail of the programme for one month. Each Convener has a list of the Church members and is hoping to interest every one. The programmes, so far, have been splendid and new talent has been discovered. They are following the programme of

the *Glad Tidings*, studying about both home and foreign fields and getting to know more about our missionaries.

Winnipeg P.S.—Old Kildonan W.M.S. held their Easter Thank-offering in Nesbit Hall, April 7th. A large number of members and Home Helpers were present. Mrs. J. N. McDonald, presided. Miss Flora Henderson gave a splendid Easter message. Mrs. N. McBeth read a poem "Out of Struggle" which was very appropriate and much enjoyed. Mrs. J. P. Duffin gave a comprehensive account of the Provincial meeting. The Treasurer reported a gratifying offering. On April 15th, at a special meeting of the W.M.S. Miss Todd, deaconess, gave an enjoyable illustrated lecture on the Bhil field, India. A collection was taken to augment the funds.

The W.M.S. of First Church, held their Thank-offering April 15th. Mrs. Herbert Ross presided. The speaker, Rev. A. B. Winchester, D.D., Toronto, gave a fine address on "The Woman and the Alabaster Box of Ointment," and paid high tribute to the splendid work carried on by the W.M.S. Rev. N. A. MacEachern closed the meeting with prayer. The collection added a substantial sum to the treasury.

Knox Church W.M.S., Stonewall, held a successful Thank-offering. The speakers were Mrs. Flook and Miss Todd, deaconess. Their messages were both interesting and helpful.

ONTARIO

MRS. D. MASON MCLENNAN, 167 ROEHAMPTON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SEC.

Annual Meeting

THE seventeenth annual meeting of the Ontario Provincial Society was held in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, April 21, 22, 23. In the large auditorium, its high pulpit flanked by faded flags of a war long past, gathered 245 delegates and many W.M.S. members. The Church, which has the largest membership of all Presbyterian Churches in Canada, has ample facilities and the committee in charge of arrangements, the Presbyterian women of the Border Cities and the members of St. Andrew's Auxiliary contributed whole-heartedly to the comfort of the delegates while the organist, choir and soloists added greatly to their enjoyment.

A cordial welcome was extended by Mrs. D. J. Lane, President of Chatham Presbyterial, and Rev. H. M. Paulin, B.A., minister of the church, brought greetings from Synod in an inspirational and historical address.

A Bible message, praise and fervent prayer began each session, and the spirit of prayer prevailed throughout the meetings, which were marked by enthusiasm and determination to retrieve and to advance.

The secretaries of the various departments, in presenting their reports, outlined important points more fully, this leading to questions and helpful discussion. The financial hour was a season of inspiration with a practical application. We were reminded that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." Giving is the measure of His love, what is ours? The allocation of \$145,000 was prayerfully accepted.

The reports from the Presbyterials, given by their Corresponding Secretaries, though brief, spoke of good work accomplished throughout the Provincial, and gave much interesting information.

The work among our young people was emphasized in the pageant, "The Girls Come Home", presented by Mission Bands and Girls' Organizations of Greater Windsor. Clearly and beautifully the value of this work was brought out as the members of a girls' Circle came "home" in memory, by letter, or in person, to tell of the work they were doing for Christ. Receiving early inspiration in the Circle, each was depicted in her chosen path of love and service.

The President of the Provincial W.M.S., Mrs. W. A. McLennan, who presided throughout the meetings, in an address that touched on the many phases of service rendered by our W.M.S., reminded us that we are laborers together with God, and that for the soul aglow with zeal, no aim is too high.

Mission work in the west, entrusted to us by the Assembly, was described by Mrs. Daniel Strachan, President of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., with many details of the hardships involved and the good accomplished by this pioneering labor of love.

We were privileged to hear from several missionaries of the work in our foreign fields. Mrs. Hugh MacMillan told of conditions in Formosa, where she, with her husband, combined education with the teaching of Christianity. The religion of love and faith made men more law-abiding, and gave them a higher ideal than modern materialism. A great heritage, it was also a great responsibility.

Another phase of Formosan work was given by Mr. George W. Mackay, son of the first missionary sent to a foreign field by our Church in Canada. After describing the "Island Beautiful" he told of the difficulties and discouragements encountered by that pioneer missionary, showed the slow growth of the work, and the firm foothold Christianity has acquired through unselfish ministry to the poor, the sick and the ignorant.

Mrs. George W. Mackay spoke of the great Truths in the Bible that in past years have guided the Church. Stressing the far-reaching effect of Christian training for Formosan girls, she told of the influence of the native women of the W.M.S. Auxiliaries in building up our

Church in Formosa. By definitely agreeing to pray for a definite object, with a definite promise in view, great things may be accomplished.

An enthusiastic message from the wide field of Manchuria was brought by Rev. Allan Reoch. Though the land is rife with superstition and heathen practices, the sowing of the seed of Christianity brings a rich harvest. Workers are urgently needed.

The election and installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. Strachan. In her closing message she spoke of the individual responsibility of each member and officer, urging all to keep the spiritual note dominant in missionary enterprise.

The Board regretted the withdrawal from the Executive of several valued members, but welcomed as new members Miss B. Armstrong, Mrs. V. A. Smith, Mrs. Peter Reith and Mrs. H. W. Morgan.

The invitation of Peterborough Presbyterial for the next annual meeting was accepted.

New Provincial Department Secretaries: Life Membership, Mrs. J. M. Empey, Box 114, Mitchell; Literature, Miss Blanche Armstrong, 46 Blake St., Hamilton.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 108 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY
Annual Meeting

THE fourteenth annual meeting of the Quebec Provincial Society was held on April 14th, at St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke. There were three sessions and an executive meeting. The President, Mrs. I. C. Sharp, presided throughout.

The reports of the vice-Presidents showed progress along many lines with plans for greater achievement next year. The report of the Student Secretary, Mrs. Grier, was outstanding, showing that great efforts had been made to interest this body of young women in work for the Master. In the fall each student received a card with a Student's Prayer on it, Christmas cards were also sent to nurses, and many students entertained in various ways. Auxiliaries were urged to send in names of students coming to the city.

Mrs. Bell, Treasurer, reported that the full amount of \$18,663 was forwarded to Toronto. A strong appeal for greater things for 1931 was voiced, the Treasurer remarking that the Church's work should be the last, not the first, to feel hard times as "All things come of Thee and of Thine own have we given Thee."

Mrs. Sharp gave a splendid address on the year's work. In her closing words she made an appeal for key women in every Auxiliary who could give the trained leadership so often called for, also an appeal for

the better observance of the World Day of Prayer, where all have a chance to feel that every hour all day long, people of all nations are gathered together worshipping one God. Greater intelligence in prayer could be had by "Reading the Bible through, praying it in, living it out, and passing it on."

Mrs. Strachan, in bringing her greetings from Council Executive, stressed the necessity for expansion in Quebec Presbyterial, and the benefit it would be to the Provincial Society, if a third Presbyterial were formed from the Auxiliaries in the frontier district.

After the election of officers the Mission Band and the C.G.I.T. Group of St. Andrew's Church, contributed delightful musical numbers.

Miss Agnes Dickson spoke of the Chinese work, stressing the claims of the Canadian born Chinese, of whom there are some 55,000. She spoke of the tragedy of there being no future here for the Chinese young man or woman, no matter how thorough their education, the result being that many returned to China. Miss Dickson also gave a vivid account of her work among the women and children in Montreal.

The address of the evening was given by Mrs. Strachan, W.M.S., President, and was entitled, "Our Mission Work and Our Relation to It." At its close one was left with a thrilled feeling of having taken a journey across China, India, Formosa, stopping to peep at Miss Reid, then back to a conference at Atlantic City, so on to Canada and right across with a bird's eye view of our deaconesses, school homes, hospitals, new work, etc., and all in thirty minutes. We were bidden as a Church and as a Society to realize our stewardship, our life, our time, not only our money. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son," "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my love, my life, my all."

The closing hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," seemed an eminently fitting one. After the benediction had been pronounced by Rev. Mr. Graham, the singing of the National Anthem brought to a close this day full of business and spiritual uplift.

Montreal P.S. Executive met in Knox-Crescent Church, April 17th, the President, Mrs. A. W. Lamb, in the chair. The attendance was large and a note of optimism pervaded all the reports. The Home Helpers reported 84 new members. Membership, however, remains as at March 31st, 1010, 26 having joined Auxiliaries while others, for various reasons, have resigned. In the Young Women's group, a majority have planned definite courses of study for the current year. The Overseas Club of Montreal, with a membership of 34, is now an Associate Group of the Y.W. Department, and is doing much excellent work. 370 children with 100 adults attended the Mission Band rally. The membership of Melville Church Mission Band has increased from 6 to 60. In Girls' work, 4 groups are ready for affiliation with the W.M.S. *Glad Tidings*

subscriptions are 108 in advance of last year at the same date. Four visits were reported by the Welcome and Welfare Department. A most interesting letter from Miss Ethel C. Reid, descriptive of the work in China, is available from the Exchange Secretary, to loan to Auxiliaries. Mrs. Strachan spoke impressively of the tremendous work being done by the women in connection with mission work in the Church. She urged optimism and hoped the day would never come when the Church would fail to have the vision to spend a little more than its estimates.

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Correction.—In the April issue, Jean Dickie, May Dickie, Anna Taylor, Mary Taylor, Mina Taylor, Helen Warrington, Jean Warrington and Nellie Douglas, should be credited with Life Memberships, not Junior Memberships.

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Correction: **Barrie P.S.**—In October, 1930, issue the In Memoriam to J. A. Davidson should read Port McNicoll, not Victoria Harbor. **Sarnia P.S.**—In May, 1930, issue, the Honorary Membership reported for Mrs. H. Thompson, Ladies' Aid, St. Andrew's Ch., Strathroy, should be a Life Membership.

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Canora Hospital	361.00
Vegreville Hospital	382.00
Chinese in Canada	1,021.61
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	399.38

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Candidates	48.10
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Supplies	253.26
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Exchange	8.44
New Missionaries	611.06
Council Expenses	2,053.95
Administration	485.92
	\$18,352.30

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Balance on hand March 31st, 1931	\$103,645.13
Receipts	19,636.31
Disbursements	\$18,352.30
Bank Balance	38,899.32
Pension Fund	8,522.71
Legacy Fund	12,810.98
Sustaining Fund	27,881.46
Bonds	11,500.00
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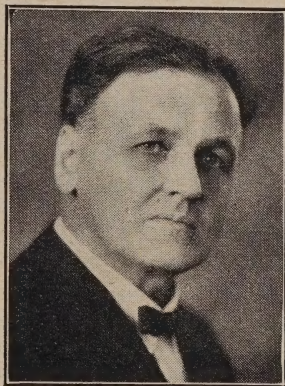
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Editorial

GENERAL Assemblies are as milestones along the road of Presbyterian progress. Between them lies the year's history—a story whose pages are cast in the little isolated groups in the new and sparsely settled sections of our vast country as well as in the fine fabric of the busy city. The reaching of each mile-stone is an appropriate time to glance both ways—to the past and to the future, for while there is much to be thankful for on the way that has been traversed, the road still stretches ahead bathed in the sunlight of a brighter hope of every Presbyterian heart—a greater, stronger Church.

Glancing back we learned that: "Since the break in our Church, in 1925, 793 congregations have increased to 1,329; 558 ministers to 700, and 154,000 church members to 181,000. During the past six years \$5,000,000 has been spent in building new churches and acquiring property for church purposes. The general receipts last year amounted to \$4,500,000. The Presbyterian Church in Canada has a total of 91,000 families and a junior congregation of 125,000. The Board of Missions is caring for 200 regular mission fields in Canada, while 170 congregations are receiving aid. In many communities work is being done among Anglo-Saxons, and among Chinese, Hungarians, Italians, Jews, Ukrainians and French.

In the overseas fields work is carried on in five large centres. North Formosa, with a population of 1,500,000, is under the care of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In India, there are two distinct centres of work: the Gwalior Mission and the Bhil Field. In Manchuria, the work among the Chinese is under the direction of the venerable Christian warrior, Dr. Jonathan Goforth. In Japan, half a million Koreans are being cared for by the Presbyterian Church, while in British Guiana work is being carried on among people who were formerly East Indians. A total of 100 mis-



Rev. W. G. Brown, M.A., B.D.
Moderator of the General
Assembly.

sionaries are now laboring on foreign fields under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Notwithstanding the stress and strain from what has now become a familiar term, 'the period of depression', the work of the Presbyterian Church has been carried on without retrenchment in her missionary, educational and administrative departments." And, as far as we could judge the mind of the commissioners, the desire was that this policy should be continued.

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The 57th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was constituted on the evening of June 3rd, in Knox Church, Toronto, and to it came 250 commissioners from all parts of Canada.

The church was crowded, the interest was intense, the atmosphere electric, for was not the Moderator to be chosen, and there were three nominations—Rev. W. G. Brown, M.A., B.D., of Saskatoon, Rev. S. Banks Nelson, D.D., of Hamilton, and Rev. R. G. MacBeth, D.D., of Vancouver. With a dramatic gesture, Dr. S. Banks Nelson and Dr. MacBeth withdrew and the Rev. W. G. Brown, M.A., B.D., of St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, became the unanimous choice. Of the 56 Moderators, Ontario had supplied 29; Nova Scotia 11; Quebec 6; Manitoba 5; foreign fields 3; and the other provinces one each except Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island. This year, Saskatchewan came into its own.

Rev. S. Farley, M.A., of Regina, in closing his fervent appeal in proposing Mr. Brown, said: "We need 'Brown of Red Deer', not so much because of what he has accomplished as for what he can accomplish in these challenging days. We need his unmatched energy and spiritual leadership in these times of depression. We need his vision and passion to arouse the Church to its present unparalleled opportunity. We need this dynamic Presbyterian voice to speak the word of comfort to our people from a national rostrum; and he is peculiarly fitted for this tremendous task. During the 29 years of his ministry, he has given his whole soul to the Church. He has gone his unselfish way, never dreaming of to-night's crowded hour, carrying through the years that burning single aim, the establishing of the Kingdom of God both at home and abroad."

This, in brief, is the story of the first great night.

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Home Missions was the theme of the second great night, and what an inspiration it was! Rev. E. A. Wright, of the Peace River District, sounded a clarion call for missionary zeal in the Church, "not alone among our splendid women but in the ranks of our young men." Incidents rich with the local color of the frontier, were related to show the marvellous opportunity for our glorious Church. "The command 'to go'," said Mr. Wright, "is implicit, the retreat has not been sounded."

Rev. W. M. MacKay, Superintendent of Missions for Northern Ontario and Eastern Manitoba—that apostle of vision and impassioned utterance—enunciated the thought: “If Presbyterianism is anything, it is militant, and the Church that is missionary is bound to be the Church that is triumphant. In 1925, Presbyterianism in 5 Presbyteries in Northern Ontario and Eastern Manitoba, was left with only 12 preaching points, 1,997 people, 2 ministers and \$313,000 worth of Church property. To-day there are 65 preaching stations, 7,193 people, 35 ministers, \$789,000 worth of Church property, besides school residences and hospitals, and 5 summer camps where in 1925 we had none.”

We heard of a group of six families which paid from their meagre treasuries \$54.00 monthly for six months, just to have the ordinances of the Church. “If,” said Mr. MacKay, “our Church as a whole did that, we would have a budget of 15 million dollars. We have had hard times in Canada before, but I fail to hear any of the voices of the past sounding the note of retreat. We cannot even mark time, we must go forward. There are no ‘stop’ signs on the highway of Presbyterianism.”

Contrasts since 1925 in the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa were cited by Dr. A. S. Reid. Then there were a provisional Moderator and clerk, with scarcely enough ministers to form a quorum, 44 little groups and 50 ministers short. To-day there are only 6 vacancies. We have 107 ministers, as well as students and catechists, and the 44 groups gave almost one-quarter of the \$800,000, the total revenue of the Synod.

The message of Rev. M. Zeidman, Toronto, was, “I know of no other Church Institution in this city that has done the volume of social service that Scott Institute has achieved under the direction of the Presbyterian Church.”

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“Rising like mountain peaks in the memory, run the following three assertions by as many foreign missionaries of our Church, on the third great evening, known as Foreign Missions night.”

“India is a land of mystery and darkness; a land of pathos and poignancy; a land with a hoary past, a vital and tremendous present, and a future all unknown. Do you speak of retrenchment here at home? All I can say to this Assembly is that if you give up the work, we shall still go on,” said Dr. Thomas Draper of the Jobat Central India Mission.

Said Arthur Hawtin, (Jhansi, U.P., India) of the Gwalior Mission: “I think the great need in India is not ‘home rule’ but rather Divine rule; not so much a change of government as a change of heart. Until India is Christianized, that vast country would not be safe for self-government.”

And this, from Allan Beoch, of Manchuria: “Outer Mongolia has been made ‘red’ with Bolshevism—let us make Inner Mongolia ‘red’ with the blood of Jesus of Nazareth.”

And the closing assertion by the Moderator: "We have had a wondrous and inspirational theme to-night from some of our workers overseas. I know you would wish me to request them to take back to their respective fields the assurance that the Presbyterian Church in Canada was never more keenly interested in that work than at this hour. I believe if Christianity were to disappear from Europe and America, one day these people of the Eastern world would come West and evangelize our children's children. This is a call for a spiritual revival among the Presbyterians of Canada."

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On the afternoon preceding these two great meetings, Dr. A. S. Grant presented the report of the Board of Missions, and his ringing message was, "There is no question but that the money will be available when the time comes." The report of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) was given by Mrs. Daniel Strachan, President, and that of the Eastern Section by Mrs. John H. Thomson.

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A notable statement by the Moderator marked the evening of June 9th, the fourth great night:

"It is six years ago to-night since many of us assembled in this Church in a meeting which those who were present will never forget. At twelve o'clock, standard time, we met to declare that the Presbyterian Church in Canada was to 'carry on'. Every seat and foot of standing room was filled with enthusiastic Presbyterian men and women from all parts of our Dominion.

"We solemnly pledged ourselves in the name of the Great King and Head of the Church, to maintain those principles and beliefs that had characterized the Presbyterian Church for so many centuries, and, before God, we rededicated ourselves to that great undertaking.

"The intervening years have been difficult and full of hard work. We did not realize the tremendous task of reorganizing a great Church from which so many of our ministers had departed, and to which so many of our people were determined to adhere. There has been a certain amount of criticism of things that might have been done and that have not been done; but I think the past six years have been the most marvellous that the Presbyterian Church in Canada has ever seen. I have been thirty years in Western Canada, and I never saw the Presbyterian Church make such progress in the Canadian West as in the last six years. In 1925, there was almost nothing left in Saskatchewan, to-day we have a fine, flourishing and vibrant Church scattered over those prairies, and we are only at the dawning! With more men and money we will grow faster and stronger by the grace of God.

"I think, therefore, it is timely that we should, to-night, rededicate ourselves to those principles of spiritual freedom, missionary enterprise,

ideals and aims to which we pledged six years ago, our hearts and our resources.”

At this point the Moderator announced the presence in that meeting of a minister and a ruling elder, who were present at the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in 1875—Rev. R. J. Craig, M.A., Picton, and Mr. James Rogers, of Montreal, chairman of the Board of Administration. Mr. Craig briefly addressed the Assembly. Nor were the Rev. Ephriam Scott, D.D., Rev. D. R. Drummond, D.D., and Rev. J. Inkster, D.D., forgotten, those outstanding leaders and thinkers in our Church, all unable to be present, and that other great soul, the late Rev. D. G. McQueen, D.D., of Edmonton.

The closing moments of the final sederunt of the Assembly ranks highest of the five great sessions. Then it was that Rev. William Barclay, of Hamilton, in moving the thanks of the Assembly to the Moderator, paid tribute to the Executive head of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, “Not only for his splendid personal attributes of heart and mind, but for his efficient handling of the Assembly.” “We are,” he said, “all going home with a very deep sense of the great success of the Assembly and with the satisfaction of knowing that the Church we love and serve is firmly established, and that the very best we could wish for our Church is to be fulfilled.”

The Commissioners stood in a body as a final gesture of esteem for their new Moderator who closed the Assembly by saying in part, “If the Assembly has been a success it is due to the Grace of God and His guiding Spirit, to the members, and to the great message in the sermon of the retiring Moderator.

“I believe this, there was a very fine spirit and no ill will. I was not conscious of a spirit of vindictiveness or venom. There was honest, thorough discussion of all matters but I am not aware of any closure. Rather I was over-generous in allowing prolonged debate, that no one would feel there was not a free expression of opinion.

“I am willing to give everything in me to the work of the Church and the glory of God. I do not want to address any gathering unless I have the assurance that the people have met at least once to pray God’s blessing on that meeting.

“The Presbyterian Church is pre-eminently a great brotherhood and the ministers are part of the Church. I am not going through the Church as a financial agent. I am going through the Church to promote a revival of true religion in cooperation with our ministers. I am prepared to preach three times a Sunday in different congregations and speak to the W.M.S. if God will give me health and strength. I can’t do it alone. I am prepared to proclaim the permanent claim of Jesus

Christ in the life and work and thought of the people who constitute this Church the 365 days of this year."

The 122nd Psalm, "Pray that Jerusalem may have Peace and Felicity" was sung without accompaniment other than the heart throbs of the audience, and while we prayed for our Church we prayed for our Moderator that throughout the year he might know to the full the overcanopying love of God and the shadow of His wings.

THE Assembly was honored by the presence of the Rev. J. R. Forgan, official representative of the Church of Scotland, who came charged "with the warmest good wishes and affectionate greeting from the Mother Church." "In no place," said Mr. Forgan, "do I represent the Church of Scotland with greater pleasure than in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, for in no place has Presbyterianism shown its adaptability as in this new land, and its ability to carry its problems to a successful issue." Mr. Forgan spoke with some knowledge of the Canadian Church, having served on a mission field in Alberta, under the convenership of the late Rev. D. G. McQueen, D.D.

THE eight months' service which Miss Jean MacGregor, Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary, kindly consented to render her Church and its young people, has come to an end. Miss MacGregor brought to her work rare qualities of heart and mind and a charm that won for her a place in the affection of the young people with whom she was associated. Our one regret is that the close of a service which held so much happiness for all concerned should be shadowed by the loss of a beloved brother and that our expression of gratitude has to include a message of sympathy to the family so sadly bereaved.

WE are pleased to announce that Miss Jean Cowan, B.A., of Barrie, has been appointed Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary, her duties to begin August 1st. Miss Cowan is a graduate of the University of Toronto and has just completed two years' teaching in Goderich Collegiate. Miss Cowan was herself a C.G.I.T. girl and for the last two years a leader, which means that she brings not only interest, but actual experience to her new post. We know Miss Cowan will have the love and loyalty of the girls, and we just congratulate her on this great opportunity for service.

THE many friends of Dr. Caroline Macdonald, of Tokyo, will regret to hear that serious illness has necessitated her return to her home in London, Ontario, and the giving up of her work in Japan.

THE death in London, England, on May 28th, of the Rev. Donald Macgillivray, M.A., D.D., LL.D., removed a noted missionary and scholar, and one identified for many years with the movement for the production of Christian literature in the Chinese language.

Dr. Macgillivray was born near Port Elgin, Ontario, in 1862. In 1882 he graduated from the University of Toronto. On the completion of his theological training he was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church and in 1888 sailed for China to join the Honan Mission. In 1899, on account of his linguistic gift, he was asked to join the staff of the Christian Literature Society, with headquarters at Shanghai, under the famous Dr. Timothy Richard, Dr. Evan Morgan and Dr. Hopkyn Rees. On the retirement, in 1920, of Dr. Rees, General Secretary, Dr. Macgillivray was appointed his successor. Much editorial, translation and original work was accomplished by him. For a Chinese adaptation of Hastings' Shorter Dictionary of the Bible and other of Hastings' dictionaries he was largely responsible. His last important work was a Chinese commentary on the Gospel according to St. John, at present on the press. About eighteen months ago, on account of advancing years and impaired health, Dr. Macgillivray resigned his active duties of Secretary of the Society in Shanghai.

To Mrs. Macgillivray, also a gifted editor of books and magazines for Chinese children, and to their daughter, we extend our deep sympathy.

Prior to union Dr. Macgillivray was the representative of our Church in the Christian Literature Society for China. At present our Church supports Rev. Z. K. Zia, M.A., D.D., one of the General Secretaries, and our W.M.S. gives a yearly contribution towards the publications issued for children.

THE attention of the readers is directed to the list of officers on the inside cover of this issue and to the various changes which appear there. Mrs. R. J. Fady has been appointed Recording Secretary in the place of Miss Margaret M. Reid, who assumes the Secretaryship of Manchuria, China, and South China. Mrs. R. C. Donald, who has been both Treasurer and Finance Secretary has resigned as Treasurer but continues as Finance Secretary, and Mrs. W. R. Adamson was appointed to act as Treasurer. Mrs. D. Inglis Grant becomes 4th Vice-President in place of Mrs. Donald and Mrs. D. D. Calvin has been chosen to fill the new office of 5th Vice-President. The best news we keep to the last, that there is to be no change in the President. The Council was unanimous in requesting that Mrs. Strachan seriously consider retaining the office for a fourth term. This she has graciously consented to do.

THE wisest use of space in the *Glad Tidings* was one of the interesting topics of discussion at the Council Meeting in Winnipeg. In considering the subject the Editor told exactly how the space was apportioned and suggested that the printing of long lists of Life Members might be discontinued. Last year over twenty pages was devoted to this purpose (and that at that moment some six pages were waiting for space). In the discussion which followed the feeling expressed was that the space might be used to better advantage, and the decision was that "the Honorary Members appear in the *Glad Tidings* as at present, but that in the future only the number of Life and Junior Members and seals and In Memoriam Subscriptions be printed, and that these be published each month under their own Presbyterian." In order that the lists of names already set up may be used, this plan will not go into effect until the September issue.

THE Council Executive will resume its weekly meetings on Tuesday, September 15th, in Knox College Board room, at 10 a.m.

Sowing Seeds in Tamsui

MISS DOROTHY DOUGLAS

THE main street of Tamsui is just along the bank of the river by the same name but one would never guess it for the houses and stores are so closely packed together that one doesn't even get a glimpse of it. On the other side the hill rises rather sharply but for the same reason one would never think that either, and one might walk through that one street thinking he had seen the town. However when we begin to investigate, we find that there are many other streets and many thousands of people some of whom do not even know that there is a church in Tamsui. One old woman whom we met a few months ago had lived all her life in one of these streets and that was the first time she had ever been as far as the compound.

For many years there has been a little Sunday School carried on up there, on one of those streets, in connection with the one at the church. It used to be in the home of one of the Christians but when they moved away one of the neighbors, though not a Christian, gave us permission to use her front room. Four of the Girls' School pupils and I go every Sunday morning about half past seven. Sometimes the pupils are waiting for us but more often we have to go out and let them know that we have arrived, then, they come running from all directions.

The room is about eight feet square with a high bed in one corner and a table in another. We have little stools made of bamboo for the children to sit on and there are a few benches. As in all heathen homes

there is the high shelf on which they keep the idols and ancestral tablets. So there in their very shadow we sing praises to our God and proclaim His teaching while the incense and food are being offered to those others made of wood and stone. We usually have about thirty children inside, besides the numbers who stop in passing to see what is going on. Some come and stand for awhile every day, others look in wonder for they have never seen such a thing before. Last Sunday a woman stood just inside the door all the time. Of course I asked her to come to church but she did not commit herself.

Sometimes we can scarcely hear for the noise of people selling on the street and the neighbor women calling back and forth; for there is nothing private in Formosa. Across the street in one place they stamp



The 1931 Graduating Class in the Girls' School, Tamsui, with the teachers, Chinese and Japanese. Back row, left to right—Misses Clazie, Burdick and Douglas.

idol paper which the people use in their worship and, in another, they are preparing a pig to be used for the same purpose. It has already reached huge proportions and is treated like an honored guest for it usually lies right across the front door and most people give it a loving pat as they go in and out. In the midst of all this we teach the children Bible stories, the simple catechism, memory verses and also to read the Bible in the Romanized alphabet. Then at the last we usually have to hurry so we can get to the church in time for the nine o'clock service, and I confess we are often a little late.

The Tamsui pastor and one of the elders go to the homes of the Christians on Thursday evenings to have family worship. The family at whose home this service is held invite their friends and neighbors to attend. Last night Miss Clazie and I went down and, fortunately, on the way we met one of the Christian women who went with us and

showed us where to go. We thought we knew the way but I am afraid we never would have found it. We started in from the main street but we first had to pass through several rooms then across a courtyard before we reached the house. The people are new hearers and not many outside the family were there. As usual in a Chinese house the contents of the room were too numerous to mention but I noticed several shelves which seemed to be the receptacle for old straw hats. The idols were quite conspicuous with all the accessories for worship even to the pieces of wood used in foretelling the future. The walls and mud floor were exceedingly dirty but the former were covered in part with English newspapers, also rather soiled, but, as we sat waiting for the meeting to begin, I noticed a picture of King George and Queen Mary walking past a crowd of people at Sandringham. The people were mildly interested when we told them but I really think the pastor appreciated it.

We could hear voices behind a low partition and at times we heard the cough which tells the same dread story in all lands, but we did not see him. The pastor told the story of the Prodigal Son and although we saw no visible results we can rest in God's promise when he said, "My word shall not return unto me void but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it." How often those words are a comfort and encouragement to us when apparently we see so few results. But we know there is no limit to the power of God and everything is in His hands.

Evangelistic Work in Formosa

MISS MARGARET M. RAMSAY

EVANGELISTIC work marks every department of our activity in Formosa. The phase in which I share is in the country, visiting here and there among the churches. This work is carried on at present by nine Bible women, five of whom belong to the Formosan W.M.S. and four to our Canadian W.M.S.

Let me picture for you what happens when one or two of these Bible women go out to a church. Usually, when a preacher asks for help from a Bible woman, he has in view some women who are interested in Christianity and who want to learn to read and write the Romanized Chinese language so that they may read the Bible. Many of the Formosan women cannot read the Chinese characters, but by teaching them this Romanized method, they learn to read much more quickly than by the laborious method of studying the characters.

To begin the Romanized study, one has first to learn twenty-four letters, in a style like our English alphabet. When these are learned they

must be put together to form words, and then sentences. After the little book containing this information is mastered, the women study a simple catechism of questions and answers relating to God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the way of salvation. Then follows the study of the Bible. The Book of Matthew is usually chosen first, and as a chapter is read, the Bible woman explains it to the students, so that as they read they may know the meaning. This method is followed until all the Gospels are studied and sometimes the Book of the Acts. If, after this preparation, the women are willing to accept Christ, they are baptized and received into the Church.

Along with the work among the women is the work with the children. Whenever the Sunday School meets, part of the time is devoted to the study of the Sunday School lesson and singing of hymns, and part to the study of the Romanized language, so that the children, too, may be able to read the Bible.

How do these women become interested in Christianity, you ask. Sometimes a neighbor, who is a Christian, invites her to go with her to Church, or she might happen to drop into this Christian home when the preacher or his wife are visiting there, and desires to know more of the gospel which they preach. Again, she might be passing a church and be attracted by the singing and go in and become interested and go again and again. Sometimes it is through the children who attend the Sunday School, and not infrequently through friends and relatives who have been to the "Mackay Memorial" Hospital and have there heard the gospel. There are also special evangelistic meetings held in the various churches at different times throughout the year, and usually from these there are many new hearers. The follow-up work of these by the Bible women is of great importance.

To say that all the women who study become Christians is not true. Would that they all did. Many of them cannot face the opposition and persecution and discontinue coming. Sometimes we hear them say, "Oh, I haven't time to study or come to church," and they just won't come, no matter how often they are invited. There are, however, those who study and in due time accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and what joy they have, with Him in their hearts in place of the darkness and doubt of heathenism!

Learning to read the Bible is not compulsory for those who wish to become Christians. Some never could learn and others are too old. The gospel story is just told over and over again, and after they know it, they can become church members.

The object in encouraging these new hearers to learn to read the Bible, is that they may study it and understand more fully God's love manifested to mankind in Jesus Christ His Son.

Besides the purely country evangelistic work, there is a Bible woman who works in the "Mackay Memorial" Hospital. She does personal work among the women patients who are waiting to see the doctor, and also among those who are in the wards. No one can estimate her influence on those with whom she comes in contact, or on their friends and relatives when they return to their homes.

Then there is another Bible woman who visits among the homes of the kindergarten children in Taihoku. Here, too, is a great field for teaching and preaching. As a great many of the homes from which the children come are heathen, there is a double influence at work to make them Christian, the influence of Christian teaching on the children and the visits of the Bible women.

No one can know the result of these different phases of evangelistic work, but as we go here and there, we pray that the words of life which we sow may fall on good ground, and nurtured by the Holy Spirit, may bring forth an abundant harvest.

Formosan Church Kindergartens

MISS ADA E. ADAMS

THE newest department of work in the Formosan Church is the kindergarten, but although only eight or nine years have passed since it was started, there are already five kindergartens in as many churches, one is self-supporting, while the others receive help from the Mission.

The aim of all church kindergarten work is twofold, to benefit the child, and to open the doors of the homes so that the story of the love of Christ and His saving power might be taken to those who live within. Is this aim being accomplished, may well be asked and the answer for the last part is, "Yes. It is too soon to say definitely that any one has joined the church because of the kindergarten but the kindergarten has been the means of producing friendly relations between the homes and the church. Now the preacher can go to the homes and talk to the people while before he never was welcome. The children themselves have learned to pray to God and will not bow to the idols nor burn incense". This is the reply given by one enthusiastic preacher who has had a kindergarten in his church a little over two years. He, as well as others, seems to be alive to the situation and tries to make the kindergarten a real value to the community in which it is placed. The majority of the children come from non-Christian homes so even should the church make little direct effort to reach the parents the children can and do tell them the lessons that they learn.

The benefit the children receive is more noticeable. To even the casual observer there is a difference between the child of the kindergarten and the

child of the street, but to one who is often with them the difference is very marked. A typical Formosan street consists of long rows of adjoining houses, the fronts of which are all open during the day and boarded up at night. A look inside the houses is very apt to leave one with the impression that there is little order either in the lives of the people or in their material possessions. Cleanliness seems to be an unknown word. The children use the street as their play-ground and the odd sticks, stones, and stools as their play things. It is sometimes difficult to find a child coming from such a home and community that is clean, well clothed, well cared for and free from boils, sores and skin diseases. In the kindergarten there will be from fifteen to sixty or more children, all clean and remarkably free from the above mentioned troubles of the average Formosan child. The daily programme is similar to any of our home kindergartens with perhaps this exception, two languages are used, their own Formosan language, and



Sinchiku Kindergarten Closing. Miss Adams in the back row.

Japanese which is used in all the schools. Nearly all their songs are in Japanese.

At present there are nine teachers, one of whom is a graduate of a government school, while all the others are from the Tamsui Girls' School but none of them have had special training before they became teachers. Every Saturday morning there is a meeting for them where they learn much about the theoretical as well as the practical work of the kindergarten. This, naturally, is not the best method to be used as two of the girls have just started while one is in her fifth year of teaching. It is our hope that in the near future we can start a small training class and give the prospective teachers a good foundation for their work. By doing this we would not only increase their efficiency in the kindergarten as teachers

but we would also hope to endue them with so much enthusiasm and interest that they, working with the members of the church to which they will go, will make the kindergarten a real influence for good in that particular community.

A New Venture of the Formosan W. M. S.

MRS. JAMES DICKSON

THE Executive Committee of the Formosan W.M.S. put on a Bible Study Conference from April 2th to May 4th. They chose Daitotei, one of the large city churches as the most ideal place for the Conference as the building was large, and, being located in the centre of Taihoku, it would give opportunity for the Christians of all three city churches to attend. Another thing in favor of Taihoku as the place for the Conference was that the country people living in far away places were apt to have relatives or friends in Taihoku with whom they could spend the week.

Letters were sent out several weeks in advance to all the preachers on the field, asking if there were any Christians or hearers who would care to come to this Conference. Everyone was, of course, asked to bear all their own expenses, but the Executive Committee had arranged for the men to sleep in the gallery of the church while the women were given rooms in a building next door to the church which belongs to the Formosan W.M.S. A large room at the back of the church served as a temporary dining room, a cook was employed and people were given meals at cost which amounted to 10c. a day in Canadian currency. Some of the people brought their bedding, others rented it from hotels.

The aims of the Conference were three, namely: (1) To teach people more of the Bible. (2) To teach Christians how to lead others to believe. (3) To bring non-believers to believe.

Both men and women were invited to attend. The lecturers for the Conference were varied, including missionaries, pastors, teachers from the Middle School, the Captain of the Salvation Army, W.M.S. Bible women, Theological College teachers, preachers and one elder. The plan was that the lectures during the day should be primarily for Christians. After the afternoon meetings the Christians dispersed, going out into the streets and inviting people to come to the evening meeting. The evening meetings were purely evangelistic and primarily for non-believers. (An interesting phase of this was that after the Formosan W.M.S. had formulated their plans and printed their programme, a letter came from Korea in answer to an inquiry, saying that their big Bible Conferences have the same plan—Bible study for Christians during the day, evangelistic meetings at night).

The average daily attendance was about seventy,—the evening meetings were crowded, and on the last night ten people came forward to believe. The evening meetings began at 7:30 and were supposed to stop at nine o'clock, but the crowds were there eager and hungry to hear so the speakers, impressed with their opportunity, went on and on, speaking usually until well after ten o'clock.

Many who wished to attend the Conference could not come because it was the height of the tea season and a great many of our Christians pick tea leaves on the mountain. After consultation with people from various parts of the North Formosa field, it was decided that September would probably be the most convenient and suitable time for another Conference. However, some young men from the southern part of our field, hired others to carry on their work of tea-picking while they attended the Conference for the full week.

Mr. and Mrs. Koa interpreted for Dr. and Mrs. Graham and Rev. J. D. Wilkie. The last day at the last hour of the afternoon, the ladies of the Executive Committee of the Formosan W.M.S. served tea and little cakes to those present.

Another city church, Bangkah, has invited the Formosan W.M.S. to have its next Bible Conference in the Bangkah Church. Inasmuch as this Conference was an experiment which proved so successful that now the native pastors and preachers are whole-heartedly behind it, it is hoped that another time, many times as many people will be gathered together to study God's Word and learn how to win others to Christ.

As it is part of the constitution of the Formosan W.M.S. that their W.M.S. money is to be used for one purpose only, that is, employing Bible women to preach the gospel in new or weak places, none of this money was drawn upon. The only expenses incurred were incidentals such as printing of programmes, letters, etc., and they were met by contributions. If the Conference grows, these expenses on a future day may be met by asking each person who attends to pay a fee of 5c. Canadian money.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Morning worship was held each day from 8.00 to 8.30 o'clock, and on Sunday regular church services were held.

Morning Session			
	8.30-9.30	9.30-10.30	10.30-11.30
Tuesday	Prophecies and Their Fulfilment — Rev. J. D. Wilkie.	Singing— Mr. MacMillan.	How to Lead Men to Christ — Hos- pital Evangelist.
Wednesday	The Teaching of Paul on Prayer— Mr. MacMillan.	The Peace of Christ—Native Doctor.	The Holy Spirit— Pastor.

Thursday	Practical Aspect of Christ's Teaching—Dr. Taylor.	Sermon on the Mount—Pastor.	Following Christ—A Preacher's Wife.
Friday	Prophecies and Their Fulfilment—Rev. J. D. Wilkie.	Necessity of the Tithe—Miss Burdick.	Jeremiah — Middle School Teacher.
Saturday	Promises of the Bible—A Pastor.	The Second Coming—A Pastor.	Brave Men of the Old Testament — Dr. Graham.
Monday	Salvation as Taught in Romans—Middle School Teacher.	Faith—Middle School Teacher.	Singing — Middle School Teacher.

Afternoon Session

	2.00 - 2.30	2.40 - 3.10	7.30 - 9.00
Tuesday	(Life of Christ Series). 1. His Birth—Miss Ramsay.	How to Lead People to Christ—Mrs. Koa.	Evangelistic Meeting—Preacher.
Wednesday	2. Boyhood of Christ—Mrs. Koa.	Paul's Faith—Theological College Teacher.	Evangelistic Meeting—Preacher.
Thursday	3. Three Years' Ministry—A Pastor's Wife.	How to do Personal Work—Capt. of Salvation Army.	Evangelistic Meeting—W.M.S. Bible Women.
Friday	4. The Passion Week—A Pastor.	The W.M.S. in Canada—Mrs. Graham.	Evangelistic Meeting—Hospital Evangelist.
Saturday	5. The Resurrection—A Pastor.	Sunday School Work—An Elder.	Evangelistic Meeting—Capt. of the Salvation Army.
Monday	Women of the Old Testament — Tân Boku mû (President of Formosan W.M.S.)	Tea and Social Hour.	

W.M.S. Organized in Poland

PAUL C. CRATH

DR. A. S. GRANT, the Secretary of the General Board of Missions, has informed us that the Women's Missionary Society, Western Division, together with the Board, were kind enough to grant us \$100 per month to help support the native workers. May the Lord bless your Society and the Church in general. Your help enables us now to do more for our women and children.

Recently we engaged in our work Miss Olena Levitzky, a godly woman who was trained for service as a deaconess. We put her for a month and a half at the village of Voskiesintzi till June 1st. Then she

will go for another month to the village of Molodiatyn and then to the village of Podhaichiki and so on.

At Voskiesintzi she has already started to organize our women into a W.M.S. The women meet once a week. Please send us the constitution of your Society that we could write our own, based on the Canadian one. For our children at Voskiesintzi she holds religious classes three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The children are enthusiastic and come to her in a swarm. The classes are held in a hut belonging to one of our members. At the end of May we are going to hold an open air service in a glade in the Carpathian mountains beyond the Prut river. There the children of our first religious class will be examined in the presence of all the members of the congregation and elders of neighboring churches and prizes will be given to the best scholars (Gospels). Mrs. W. G. Watson, of 30 Dunvegan Road, Toronto, sent us twenty-five dollars' worth of Holy Scriptures and it is she who kindly helped us and made it possible for us to give the prizes to our best students.

Yesterday early in the morning I walked through the woods and over the hills on my return to Kolomyja. The mountain scenery was great. Thousands of nightingales were singing in the surrounding bushes. No money could buy such pleasure as God gives His children for nothing.

Montreal Kindergarten Closing

MISS AGNES I. DICKSON

THE weather man declared June 19th to be the hottest day of the season, but the heat did not deter twenty-seven mothers, older brothers and sisters, and many other friends from assembling at the Chinese Y.M.C.I. in Montreal, for the closing exercises of the Chinese kindergarten.

There were thirty-five children on the roll, and all took part, with the exception of two or three little ones. After the singing of the opening hymn, "When He Cometh", the whole school recited the first psalm, in Chinese, and the twenty-third in English, and did it perfectly. This was followed by prayer by Rev. Mr. Shiu.

It would be difficult to do justice, in one short article, to the programme which followed and which evidenced most painstaking training, especially on the part of Mrs. Herman, who superintended all the work done in English; and Miss Chiu, who did all the accompanying.

Through the kindness of a friend, costumes were loaned for the characters from "Mother Goose"—from "Jack and Jill" with their pail of water, to "Mary, Mary, quite contrary." This item ended with the singing of the "Mulberry Bush". Several of the older children dramatized "Little Red Riding Hood" very realistically. An action song, "Oh

Where is Little Boy Blue?" was also much applauded. The singing of the "Rainbow Song" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" by the girls, showed that little Chinese voices are just as clear, and true, as Canadian ones. The boys in "The Merry Workers", demonstrated how they could follow the various professions, ending with the Doctor, who invited the audience to call him in illness. The tiny tots made a pretty picture as they sang in Chinese the little kindergarten hymn, "This is the Way", imitating the fluttering leaves, swaying branches, raindrops, and birds. One very interesting item was the singing of, "If I Come to Jesus" in Chinese and to Chinese music.

A delightful part of the programme was a drill and song, entitled, "The Brownies and the Flowers". The girls were dressed to represent different flowers, each one also having an upturned flower on her head,



Montreal Kindergarten Closing. Back row—Miss Chiu, Miss Dickson, Mrs. Herman and Mr. Shiu.

the boys were in dark brown costumes and caps. The paper costumes were very effective, and the thing which gratified the teachers, was the appreciation and evident delight of the mothers.

Items on the programme, other than those provided by the school children, were songs by Mrs. MacDonald's C.G.I.T. Group from the Mission and Miss Elsie Johnson's club of kindergarten graduates, and a recitation, the "Pussy Willow", by wee Douglas Lee. Short addresses were given by the Chairman, Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Maisonneuve Church, and Rev. Mr. Scott of Knox-Crescent Church.

The prizes were distributed by the Presbyterian President, Mrs. Lamb. Three senior class prizes were taken by Simon Toye, who has only been a year in school. Three were also won by Grant Lee, who took the Scripture prize. The prize for perfect attendance was won by Helen Au.

The singing of "Jesus Loves the Children", followed by the benediction, brought the programme to a close. Refreshments were served,

donated by the Presbyterial, who also kindly supplied money for the prizes.

The great treat for the older kindergarten children came three days later. Seventeen of them, with their teachers, were invited to be guests of several of the Beauharnois Auxiliary workers, and spent a never-to-be-forgotten day in that beautiful spot. Everything that could possibly be done to add to their enjoyment was remembered. The children's lunch was served at the home of Mrs. J. Kilgour, while the teachers were entertained by Miss Kilgour, Sr. The little ones' table was prettily decorated with wind wheels and clothespin dolls, for all of them. The afternoon was spent in games, with added gifts for each child, and after an early supper, the whole party was motored back to Montreal, each car laden with flowers. It was a beautiful thought and leaves a beautiful memory in all our hearts.

Books Old and New

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

THE New Study Books are uppermost in our minds at present. "COUNCIL FIRES" is the title chosen for the Girls' book. It is now ready for distribution at the summer schools, and is available for all leaders who wish to secure their copies. The book deals with our North American Indians in Canada, and touches not only the customs, heroes and legends, but tells about our early missionaries, and the work that is being done to-day. The price of this book is 25c. per copy, or \$2.50 per dozen.

BIG SHIPS AND LITTLE PEOPLE is for the Mission Bands, and is arranged for a two-year study course. There are quaint little stories and various suggestions for the Band programmes. This book will be ready for sale September 1st.

THE TIDE OF OPPORTUNITY for Auxiliaries presents the work of our Society, and much interest is being shown by those who are already thinking about their winter meetings. It will be replete with information, and the printing date is set at September 1st. The price will be the same, so order in quantities so each member may have her own book for reference.

A new Home Helper's leaflet (free) has been prepared. Some of these may be secured, if you have not already received your copy.

Two new SERVICES have been printed, one for installing officers in the Women's Missionary Societies, and one for Girls affiliating with the Women's Missionary Society. These are free, and copies may be secured by sending a stamp for return postage.

THE WESTMINSTER DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE, by John D. Davis, has just been issued, and it is one of the most complete books that any leader could have beside her, or in fact any one interested in Christian work of any kind. It is a complete Biblical library in itself,

and we are prepared to fill orders for this at once. Bound in serviceable cloth, price per copy is \$3.75.

Write for our new catalogue of Missionary Literature, containing some excellent books at reduced prices. Our new fiction catalogue for Sunday School libraries will be ready in October. Mail all orders to your Literature Secretary, or to Mrs. Ballantyne, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto.

ANXIETY HURTFUL

AND what does your anxiety do? It does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; but, ah! it empties to-day of its strength. It does not make you escape the evil, it makes you unfit to cope with it when it comes. It does not bless tomorrow, and it robs to-day. For every day has its own burden. God gives us power to bear all the sorrows of His making; but He does not give us the power to bear the sorrows of our own making, which the anticipation of sorrow most assuredly is.—Ian MacLaren.

Prayer

OUR Heavenly Father, we praise Thee for the return of summer and for all the beauty in the world about us.

Help us during these days when we seek rest and recreation in the great out-of-doors, to receive that strength that will fit us to serve Thee better in the days that lie before us. Bless, we pray Thee, all summer schools and camps. Enlighten with Thy wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of Thy truth they may worship and truly serve Thee. Bless, we entreat Thee, our missionaries. Give them vision to see the greatness of their service, and strength to show forth Jesus not only in their words, but in their lives. Follow with Thy tender care the young missionary who has dedicated her life and talents to Thy service and to the advancement of Thy Kingdom in Formosa. Grant Thy healing power to those who suffer and Thy consolation to all in sorrow. Bless our nation and empire. May we as a people honor Thy Holy Word and seek to keep Thy commandments. Bless our Church, endue her ministers with power; grant strength and wisdom to her Moderator, and may her people respond to the call of Christ to simple discipleship, readier obedience and more loving service. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

A MEDITATION

The Second Mile

CHRIST must some day have seen something like this.

A company of Roman soldiers passed through Nazareth, and as they went along the village street one of them put his heavy hand on the shoulder of a young man, who was watching them, and said, "I've had enough of carrying this baggage; you'll carry it for me a mile along the road." The young man was helpless. Turning angrily he said, "You mean you will compel me to go a mile with you and carry your baggage?" "I do," answered the soldier. "Very well, you can compel me to go with you but you cannot compel me to be pleasant to you. I shall make myself as disagreeable as I can."

Most of us would be inclined to act in the same way. But Christ has taught us differently. He says that we can always get the better of selfish, bullying people. We can always play the game of turning the tables on them. "If any compel thee to go a mile go with them twain." You simply do more for them than they they ask you to do. It shows that you have not done it because you have been compelled but because you have been ready and willing to help them.

Christ's principle was that we should always act in the spirit of doing more to help others than they expect us to do. Here is the kind of thing He wishes to be done:

She isn't great at holding meetings,
But oh! she's fine at friendly greetings;
She meets her neighbours with a smile,
And always goes the second mile.

What do I mean? Why this. If you
Should ask her for a flower or two
She'll pluck for you her choicest treasure,
And say it only gives her pleasure
To cut that Canterbury-bell,
And would you like a rose as well?

If we were all on the look-out to help people the world would be a happier place. Let us follow J. M. Barrie's suggestion. "Shall we," he says, "make a new rule from to-day, always to be a little kinder than is necessary."—*Life and Work*.

YOUNG WOMEN

A NEW system of allocation has been planned for the young women. Some wanted to share in the whole work, others desired fields on which to centre their interest. Both these wishes have been granted.

In the special fields given the young women will be a part of the Deaconess and Welcome and Welfare work. This portion covers three fascinating women whose work is outstandingly pioneer:

Mrs. Ewen McKenzie, at Gonor

Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, at East Selkirk

Miss Hazel Macdonald, at Peace River District

Overseas—Miss Luella Crockett, Manchuria

From month to month the young women's page will give the most interesting bits of information which it will be possible to secure on these young women and their work. These you will take to your heart, not only to support financially, but to keep held high in your prayers and in your thoughts. Most of these are young women like yourselves, and they are walking on the high paths of the Master's service and holding aloft the beacon lamp of our Church. Shall we not, as young women, make it our consecrated duty to see that the oil is never wanting in their lives?

Vacation time will soon be over and we come back with all the enthusiasm of new vision and bright ideas for our winter programme. Get the girls together before it wears off and make the young women's programme for 1931 the best yet. If you have any programme suggestions which others may use, send them for this page.

Our Missionary Sees a Little Wild Life

A WEEK ago Sunday evening I was taking Miss Menzies back to Taylor, which is right at the Peace River. It was a lovely evening, and I had the car filled, even the rumble seat. On the way up we saw a bear ambling along in the bush near the roadside, then about a mile further we saw a young moose right in the road.

"The organ has come and it is lovely. We had a splendid crowd at Riverside and Mr. Johnson gave us a very good sermon. But Dawson Creek was putting on a big sports day, so there was no one out in the evening.

"At one place we called, we found an old lady who had come from England a year ago and had gone right out to the homestead. The only place she had been during the year was to call once on her neighbor, a mile and a half away. But it was too much of a walk for her. We never would have found these places away back in the bush if a young homesteader had not volunteered his services as guide."

—Hazel Macdonald

GIRLS AND LEADERS

AN EXPLANATION

AN explanation is due the Girls' Organizations which raised in 1928-1929, \$1,541.75 towards the erection of the Training School for Nurses in Jobat, the Bhil Field, India. This School was to have been in charge of Miss Isabel McConnell, R.N., and to it Jobat hospital was looking eagerly for young native nurses. However, times were not normal in India and so the building was postponed for a year. Now again, this is inevitable owing to the shortage of the medical staff during Dr. Draper's furlough. At the present, this twenty-bed hospital is in care of Miss McConnell, assisted by one native nurse and a compounder. Not infrequently, "Miss Sahibji" drives forth in her new Ford to do village work as well. Taking these facts into consideration, it is evident why she has written "that the question of a Nurses' Home and Training Class ought to be left. I would not begin to train nurses in the hospital as it is now, as they would not be nurses that I should want to take credit for having trained. I do feel that it is hard to write this home as I know what is expected of me. Then, too, the Canadian Girls in Training have worked so hard to send the money for the Nurses' Home. I fear the money would be wasted to begin to build until we see whether the hospital is going to be extended. We are up against so many problems with our limited accommodation."

With this new light on the subject, the Provincial Secretaries for Girls' Organizations, together with interested leaders, were called together for a discussion during the Council meeting of the W.M.S. in Winnipeg. There was the girls' money in India, waiting to finance an indefinite undertaking, while meantime there were other pressing needs. Money was necessary for the summer school building at Toran Mall, that camping ground on the hilltop, so dear to the Bhil girl and boy. The decision of the committee was that the Girls' Organizations would cheer for the summer school. So now watch for word of Toran Mall, but do not lose interest in Nurse McConnell and her dream for the future!

Another item of importance is the outcome of the 1930-31 Treasure Book competition. Once more the books lived up to their name. All deserved prizes. In the senior class, "Pals" Group, Todmorden Church, Toronto, won first place and "Eastview" Group, of Regina, second. The junior class prize was divided equally between the "Catherine Moodie" Group of Livingstone Church, Vancouver, and the Girls' Group of Main Street Mission, Vancouver. The Committee of Secretaries, previously mentioned, appointed the judges, who consisted of Mrs. Hawtin, India; Mrs. MacMillan, Formosa; Mrs. Wright, Peace River District; and Miss Jean MacGregor. The request was made by the same committee that Treasure Books continue another year and that information concerning them be issued early in the autumn. —M.J.G.

A SOUTH CHINA BABY

JESSIE A. MACBEAN, M.D., *Professor of Obstetrics*

DO you like this baby? He was born in our hospital in September, 1929. When two weeks old and only weighing four pounds his mother left him in the hospital for us to care for and went back to her work. She and her husband travel all over this and other provinces selling embroidered linen. She said, "How can I care for such a wee babe. We have no settled home, and if we hire someone to take care of him he will surely die." So we undertook to bring up little "Baby Ma" while his mother went out and earned money to pay the hospital for his care.

Baby Ma was such a sweet, happy baby that we all loved him, and everyone felt sorry when the time came for him to leave hospital. It is not good for a baby to be too long in a hospital. So when he was eight months old his mother and father came to take him, but poor Baby Ma did not know them and was frightened. He wanted to stay with the nurses. This is the picture taken the day he left hospital. He comes back to the Child Welfare Clinic quite frequently but does not look so happy and healthy as when in hospital, for most of the time he has just a servant woman to care for him. His mother and father are very grateful for the help they received from the hospital. They know that without care the baby would certainly have died. In a Christian hospital, our daily work must show forth the love of Christ in many ways, not only by words of comfort and cheer, but by curing and preventing disease.



A South China Baby

MISSION BANDS

Programme for July-August

Hymn.—"Saviour Teach Me Day by Day", 767. *Prayer*—members of the Band. *Scripture*—John 10: 1-18. *Hymn*—"There Were Ninety and Nine", 408. *Minutes and Business*. *Hymn*—"Birds Are Singing, Woods Are Ringing", 723. *Lesson Story* (to be chosen by Leader). *Offering*—the following verse to be repeated while the offering is being taken:

Love gifts, Love gifts
We are glad to go
To help all other children
The love of Christ to know.

Hymn—"Jesus Bids Us Shine", 768. *Prayer*, by Leader.

Our "Cecilia Jeffrey" School

Dear Mission Band Girls and Boys:

HOLIDAYS are here and I am sure every boy and girl is having a good time at home or, maybe some are away at a summer resort. I suppose you are also having a holiday from Mission Band.

Last month I spent two days visiting the "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School, at Kenora, Ontario, where there are about one hundred and fifty Indian boys and girls. They live there from September until June and Mr. and Mrs. Byers with their teachers, Miss Jamieson, Miss Mathews and Miss Wood, as well as Miss Collie, Miss Johnson and Miss Carruthers, who is a nurse, take care of all these boys and girls until they go home for the summer.

I am sure you are wondering what they do all day. At six-thirty a bell rings so loud that it wakens every little boy and girl and they know the bell says, it is time to get up. After they are dressed, all have to straighten their beds and turn them down to air. The girls then help sweep and dust and wash floors and all things a girl should help her mother to do. The boys help with the chores around the farm because there are a lot of chickens, cows, and horses, sheep and baby lambs, as well as a cute little baby deer, who are all waiting for their breakfast.

At seven-thirty the bell rings again and all go in for breakfast and have just the same things to eat as you have. After breakfast Mr. Byers has prayers and thanks our heavenly Father for watchful care at night and asks for help and guidance for the day. They finish their tasks and

make up their beds and at nine o'clock the bell tells them it is time for school.

The school rooms are in the building and are just the same as yours, with desks and blackboards and pictures.

When noon arrives all are very happy to hear the dinner bell, and dinner always tastes so good. Sometimes these children have raw vegetables instead of cooked ones because they like them best uncooked.

After school is over in the afternoon and as soon as their tasks are finished, they have large grounds to play in with swings and seesaws, and many things which help to make a boy or girl happy.

After the evening meal, when chores and play are over, at seven-thirty, the bell rings for service in the chapel. This was the nicest part of the day. On the platform were five boys and two girls who formed a brass band and played the hymns for us to sing. The Scripture was then read by Mr. Byers and he told the children about our loving heavenly Father. We all sang in closing "Now the Day is Over, Night is Drawing Nigh." The children marched to their bedrooms and all knelt by their beds and repeated the Lord's Prayer as well as others. Then all went happily to bed.

When you say your prayers at night, will you ask our heavenly Father to care for these little Indian cousins of ours, and help them to learn about Jesus, so they will be able to tell their mothers and daddies about Him when they go home for their holidays.

Our Secretary, Mrs. Dill, is away on a long holiday and I am sure we all wish her a happy time.

(Mrs. W. E.) Ethel Adamson.

Assistant Mission Band Secretary

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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CALGARY P.S.—North Hill Church, Calgary, reports a variety of activities. Mrs. W. Donaldson has been elected President of the W.M.S. for the sixth year. The "Buchanan" Y.W. Auxiliary held a May tea at the home of the President, Mrs. Archie Johnstone. The C.G.I.T. Groups held a St. Patrick's tea, Mr. Woodside graciously opening her home for the event. The "Little Builders" Mission Band, under the joint leadership of Miss D. Weir and Miss M. Rath, report a membership of 30.

Calgary Presbyterial Executive held its regular monthly meeting late in May. Mrs. Carr gave an excellent paper on her impressions on Mission Band work gathered from the Provincial meeting. Miss Campbell read a paper on the life of Rev. S. B. Rohold. Miss Robson gave a talk on

“Restlessness”. Mrs. Freeman read an article on “The Value of Missionary Work”.

Mrs. A. Fordon, Baptist missionary to India, was the special speaker at a very successful tea given by one of the groups of Grace Church Auxiliary.

Delegates to the Biennial Council were Mrs. R. Gibson, Mrs. J. A. Clark and Mrs. R. L. Freeman.

Edmonton P.S. greatly enjoyed a visit from Miss Jean McGregor. She addressed a number of meetings and opportunities were given young girls to meet with her.

Rev. D. A. Smith, of Vancouver, Secretary for Chinese work, was a welcome visitor to Edmonton. While here he addressed a number of meetings.

All Edmonton has enjoyed meeting and hearing Miss Lamont. Several drawing room meetings have been arranged in her honor. Mrs. James Wilson, the President of First Church Auxiliary, invited the executive to her home. Miss Ina Tait entertained the Presbyterian and Provincial officers, and Miss Helen McQueen entertained all Presbyterian nurses, normal school and university students. The Mission Bands have been busy giving concerts, making Easter cards and scrap books for children in our hospitals.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary recently celebrated its 15th anniversary. The occasion also took the form of a farewell to Mrs. Campbell, a valued member and President for many years, who leaves to make her home in eastern Canada.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN P.S. annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Kamloops, May 1st, with a good attendance. The President, Mrs. W. E. McKechnie, presided and gave a very helpful address, also thanking the officers and members for their co-operation during the year. The reports by the Secretaries showed an increase in all departments of work, also in membership and givings. New Mission Bands and Young Women's organizations were reported from several churches.

Mrs. J. F. McLean, deaconess, was the special speaker and gave an account of her work in the province, also an address on “The Aims and Objects of the W.M.S.”

Changes in Secretaries were, Treas., Mrs. Ilsley Armstrong; Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. W. A. Wyllie, Kamloops; Y.W.A. and C.G.I.T., Mrs. J. Armstrong, Penticton; Press, Mrs. McCurragh, Kamloops.

A mass meeting under the auspices of the Young People's Societies of Westminster Presbytery was addressed by our pioneer missionaries, Dr.

and Mrs. Goforth, who spent some time in Vancouver before sailing to take up their work in China after a much needed rest. The young people were particularly interested in the messages as they are endeavoring to support a missionary in one of Dr. Goforth's fields. Mrs. Goforth also addressed meetings in Central and Fairview Churches.

At the May meeting of Fairview Auxiliary an impressive talk was given by Mrs. Falls, who has worked for some years in Central China under the China Inland Mission. Great regret was expressed at the enforced resignation of the Treasurer, Mrs. J. Fraser, for so long a valued member.

The Chinese Girls' Club, in connection with the Chinese Church, Victoria, has enjoyed an interesting series of meetings on the topic "Woman," under the leadership of Mrs. M. G. Cuthbert. The Club is now three years of age.

The feature of the Thank-offering meeting of Central Church Auxiliary, Vancouver, was an illustrated lecture by Rev. C. L. Whitman, on his work among the cannibal tribes in the Soudan.

At the May meeting of Mount Pleasant Auxiliary, Miss Ruth Yeandle gave an interesting account of her work in the interior last summer in connection with the British Columbia Sunday School Mission.

Mrs. George Ledingham, Provincial President, addressed Robertson Church Thank-offering meeting on the work of Kootenay Presbyterial.

Kootenay P.S. Annual Meeting was held in Nelson. Mrs. Ledingham and Miss Jean MacGregor gave helpful addresses. Regret was expressed at the continued illness of the President, Mrs. Warden. Joy was felt at the reorganization of the Grand Forks Auxiliary. It was decided to hold two Presbyterial meetings a year instead of one.

Cranbrook Auxiliary reports three interesting meetings—the Thank-offering which was addressed by Miss Jean MacGregor, Girls' Work Secretary, the Mission Band assisting with the programme; the May meeting at which Mrs. McLean Bell, President, told of the Provincial meeting at New Westminster and Mrs. Large reported on the Presbyterial at Nelson. The third was in June when members and Home Helpers enjoyed the report of the Council meeting by Mrs. Large.

In May, Creston Auxiliary enjoyed a bright and comprehensive report of the Provincial meeting by Mrs. McLean Bell. The Presbyterial will meet in Creston in September.

Westminster P.S.—The April meeting of Fairview Auxiliary took the form of a reception to its Home Helpers. There was a good gathering. The hymns sung were the favorites of some of the older members.

The annual rally of Mission Bands of Westminster Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church. Mrs. Angus MacKenzie presided. Greetings were brought from the Church by Rev. R. G. MacBeth, D.D.; Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, Provincial President of the W.M.S.; Mrs. R. M. Thomson,

Presbyterial President, and Mrs. Mary Turner, President of St. Paul's W.M.S. There was an attendance of 241 boys and girls and 26 leaders. The Mission Bands provided the major part of the programme. The Fairview Band was again winner of the banner. Mrs. Duncan Campbell, Provincial Mission Band Secretary, gave a short message to the boys and girls.

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BRANDON P.S. Annual Meeting was held in First Church, Brandon, June 3rd and 4th, with a registration of 220, Mrs. J. A. Macdonald presiding. The young people's rally, which was attended by many from outside points, was full of inspiration and encouragement. Miss Lamont was the speaker and in her address told of the many calls to both young women and men, particularly in our outlying posts where many districts are without a church service of any kind.

The Girls' Guild gave a pageant, "The Challenge of the Cross", which brought a message to all present.

The departmental reports showed advancement and optimism. Miss Lamont conducted the discussion of reports and many instructive questions were discussed, such as, "Every woman of the Church a member of the W.M.S. and how to make it possible." Miss Lamont, Mrs. White and Miss Pettipiece were the special speakers.

The Mission Band hour was one that will be remembered, as will also the letter read by Mrs. Abey from Miss Soutar, of the "M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home."

Greetings were brought from Presbytery by Rev. M. P. Floyd, Melita. The closing message was given by Mrs. Coulter, and was based on the topic "The Youth of To-day".

Change in Secretaries: Corr., Mrs. C. S. Oke; *Glad Tidings*, Mrs. C. B. Steele.

The W.M.S., First Church, Portage la Prairie, report a well-attended Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. Bell gave a report of the Provincial meeting held in Winnipeg.

Superior P.S.—The Thank-offering of First Church W.M.S., Port Arthur, included the missionary work by each organization of the Church. Miss Olive Wood, President of "McKay" Band, told of the work carried on by her Band, which was followed by a quartette of girls. Alex. Strailin, of the "J. Smellie" Band, recited "What I Can Give", four boys sang, "Onward, Christian Soldiers". Winifred Whiffen reviewed the work of the C.G.I.T., and Miss Edith Wallace that of the Y.W.A. Mrs. Ballantyne, Presbyterial President, gave a summary of the work carried on by the W.M.S., and Rev. J. A. McMahon

in a short address, told of the work of the General Board of Missions. The meeting was inspiring and instructive.

Mrs. W. Ballantyne presided at the June meeting of the Presbyterian held in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. Reports were encouraging. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary reported 386 calls made. A farewell message was read from Dr. and Mrs. Goforth who were returning to China.

Mrs. Ballantyne gave a complete report of the first three days of the Council meeting in Winnipeg, and Miss Jean Stevenson a splendid report of the C.G.I.T. and Mission Band work. Mrs. W. F. Hogarth told of the closing session in Kildonan Church, which was built in 1854 and was the first Presbyterian Church to be built west of Lake Superior.

Superior P.S. held their meeting in Port Arthur, April 7th, Mrs. Ballantyne in the chair. Mrs. Ballantyne and Miss Jean Stevenson gave very vivid reports of the Provincial meeting in Winnipeg. Good wishes were extended to Mrs. and Miss Smellie who are leaving to spend the summer in the British Isles.

The Easter meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Fort William, was held April 17th. Mrs. Blain presided. Mrs. (Dr.) Grant took the Bible lesson and Miss Fulerton, a missionary from China, gave a very interesting account of her work as a teacher.

The annual C.G.I.T. conference was opened with a banquet in St. Andrew's Sunday School Hall, Fort William, March 21st, 375 girls with leaders were present. Greetings were presented from all the different Church groups in the two cities. Miss Bowman, Girls' Work Secretary for Manitoba, was the speaker, her subject being "The Quest".

The annual meeting was held March 6th. Mrs. Delbridge, President, presided. The reports were all very good, but regret was expressed that the allocation was short about twenty-five dollars. The Mission Bands did well. The "McKay" Band of Port Arthur received the banner for highest average givings, the "Margaret Hogarth" Band, West Fort William, received the banner for the highest average attendance. Each Band contributed \$55.00, but the latter had the most members. The C.G.I.T. and Mission Bands were in charge of the programme. Mrs. Hamilton Plunket was the speaker of the afternoon and Mrs. Dow gave the closing words. Mrs. Wm. Ballantyne was elected President for 1931.

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GREAT interest is always felt in methods whereby Auxiliaries have increased their membership, finances and interest. If you have met with success in these lines, please write and tell us what you have done. This applies to all our branches.

Barrie P.S. Annual Meeting was held in First Church, Collingwood, May 18th to 20th, with encouraging reports. Addresses were given by Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Toronto; Mrs. J. H. Eaton, Orillia; and Mrs. C. W. Maitland, Collingwood, with a message from Mrs. Cameron, Allandale, at the close of the best Presbyterial in years. Mrs. C. W. Maitland and Mrs. Gosselin are new members of the Executive.

Collingwood Auxiliary held their Easter Thank-offering in April when the speaker was Rev. Allan Reoch, whose early home was in this vicinity. There was special music and a generous offering.

Penetanguishene Auxiliary, on its 37th anniversary, held a birthday party at the home of Mrs. C. S. Carter. A résumé of work accomplished through the years was given by the oldest member, Mrs. George Wright, with music and other messages. A birthday collection was for the expense fund.

Bruce and Owen Sound P.S. Annual Meeting, St. Paul's Church, Wiarton, May 14th, heard reports of the Provincial meeting from Mrs. Reith, Tara, and Mrs. Ashley, Wiarton. All departments showed advance, with the allocation exceeded. Miss Pelton gave addresses afternoon and evening. Music and a missionary pageant were special features. Mrs. D. MacGillivray was elected President.

Glengarry P.S.—Entered into rest, March 4th, Mrs. Emma McCleverty, a Life Member of Woodlands Auxiliary.

Guelph P.S. Annual rally was held May 12th, in Knox Church, Aetion. Miss A. MacRae, President, and Mrs. W. Sutton, Preston, brought gleanings from the Provincial meeting. A discussion and question period was conducted by Mrs. C. S. Hewer, Guelph. Mrs. Freeman, Nassagaweya, was elected Y.W. Secretary. Mrs. G. W. Mackay, Formosa, was the speaker.

The Auxiliary of Central Church, Galt, began their study of "Ambassadors of Good Will" at a special meeting when the chapters were dealt with by different members and the whole book covered at one meeting. Informal and free discussion was profitable, and the chapters will be taken up fully at regular meetings.

Orangeville P.S. Annual Meeting, at Knox Church, Caledon East, was well attended. Speakers were Mr. G. W. Mackay, Formosa, and Mrs. J. Williams, Toronto. Mrs. W. J. Hunter, Claude, presided. Mrs. J. H. Douglas, Caledon East, extended a welcome.

Peterborough P.S. Annual Meeting was held, May 16th, in St. Andrew's Church, Colborne. Over 100 delegates contributed to reports and discussions. Mr. G. W. Mackay, Formosa, spoke on work in Formosa. A memorial service was held for the late Honorary President, Mrs. Robert Hall, and for Mrs. Nelles, Mrs. Black and other members who had passed away during the year. Mrs. D. Ewart, Cobourg, stressed the shining example of these well-loved and faithful workers.

Sarnia P.S. Annual Meeting was held at Alvinston, May 19th. Reports were encouraging, and a good representation was present. The speaker was Mrs. Geo. W. Mackay, Formosa. Mrs. D. Ritchie resigned the presidency and Mrs. F. Gallie, Forest, was elected as her successor.

Saugeen P.S. Annual Meeting convened in Palmerston, May 18th. Instructive suggestions were given by the various Secretaries. The question drawer was in charge of Mrs. G. J. Vanston, Toronto. Rev. J. M. Miller, Palmerston, spoke on "The Church and Missions". Holstein Mission Band was again awarded the banner.

Durham Auxiliary had charge of both services on Sunday, May 3rd, when Mr. G. W. Mackay, Formosa, was the speaker. A liberal offering was received.

Toronto P.S.—Runnymede Auxiliary Thank-offering was addressed by Mrs. John Davey, Presbyterial Literature Secretary. Members of the Mission Band sang appropriate selections.

At the June meeting of Rosedale Church Auxiliary, Mrs. J. A. Milne brought a message of enthusiasm and confidence from the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Society, at Windsor. The work of the Hospital Circle, consisting of 30 layettes, and 1014 surgical pads, available for distribution among hospitals and benevolent institutions, was on view. After the morning service the members of the congregation were given the opportunity of seeing the work as it had been arranged for the meeting of the Auxiliary.

In Memoriam

Algoma P.S. records the deep loss sustained on April 30th, when Mrs. Frederick Stone, Sault Ste. Marie, passed away. A member of the Executive, and a past President, she gave always of her best in enthusiasm and helpful service.

QUEBEC

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THE lecture hall of Knox-Crescent Church, Montreal, was well filled on the afternoon of June 16th, at a public meeting of the Quebec Provincial. Owing to the absence of the President, Mrs. I. C. Sharp, the chair was taken by Miss C. E. Cameron, first Vice-President.

After devotional exercises, six of the delegates to the Biennial meeting of Council spoke on various aspects of our comprehensive missionary endeavor. The time was all too short to do justice to these carefully prepared and inspirational reports. Mrs. Lamb spoke of the work carried on at home and overseas; Mrs. O. R. Campbell told of the work of the Press, Welcome and Welfare, Home Helpers and Mission Band departments; Mrs. Kydd gave an account of Presbyterian residences, Supply Work and Indian Schools; Mrs. Fowlie told of the splendid work being done by our young

women and girls; Miss Rhind came next, and we heard about the increase in subscription to the *Glad Tidings*, although still short of the coveted number. Helpful hints were given about Library work and gratifying progress reported in the sale of literature. Miss Cameron touched briefly on finance and stressed the great need of more interested women to carry on the wonderful work of the W.M.S.

The audience were not only imbued with a spirit of enthusiasm but they caught something of the inspiration that the delegates had carried away with them from the meetings in Winnipeg.

Mission Band Rally

Campbell Memorial and MacVicar Memorial Mission Bands were presented with the banner for the city groups, and Beauharnois and Georgetown with the banner for the out-of-town Bands, at the Montreal Presbyterial Mission Band rally, April 9th, in Franklin Hall Memorial, Stanley Church; 370 boys and girls from 23 of the 25 Bands were present. A missionary programme was presented by members of the various Bands, the singing of a group of children from the Chinese Sunday School, in their native tongue, being especially interesting. Mrs. I. C. Sharp, President of the Provincial Society, presented the city banner and Mrs. A. W. Lamb, the one to the out-of-town groups. Each of these Bands will keep the banner six months.

SASKATCHEWAN

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REGINA P.S.—Miss McGregor visited a number of places in Saskatchewan in the interest of girls' work. She addressed the city members of Regina Presbyterial and Provincial Board at the home of the President, Mrs. H. R. Horne, May 11th.

Knox Church, Whitewood, presented a pulpit Bible to the congregation of Armetiers, a soldier settlement district adjoining Whitewood.

Moose Jaw P.S.—On May 14th, the ladies of Knox Church Missionary Society, Briercrest, gathered at the home of Mrs. C. Findlay to mark their twentieth anniversary. It was in Mrs. Findlay's home that the Society was organized twenty years ago and it was known as the "Sunny Hill Missionary Society". Mrs. James Greer presided. Mrs. McNaughton, first President, gave a résumé of the work from the beginning and read a letter of greeting from Mrs. Carrol, Ellwood, Ind., a former member. The past Presidents and each of the original members spoke briefly. It was a very happy reunion.

Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—In May, Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon, discussed Manchuria Mission Field, and made arrangements to hold a rally day for all departments of missionary work.

Miss Geddes led the discussion at the May meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Saskatoon, subject, "India".

Luseland Auxiliary are studying "Life of Paul, our first Missionary".

At St. Andrew's, Battleford, the Girls' Club took charge of one meeting of the W.M.S.

Wilkie Auxiliary held a silver tea, the proceeds being used to purchase supplies for the "Hugh Waddell" Hospital, Canora. The members of this Society regret the loss of their late beloved President, Margaret Sitter, who passed away June, 1930.

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Correction.—In the June issue, the Life Membership for Mrs. Robt. Wiggins, Robertson Ch. Aux., Vancouver, should read, Mrs. Hugh Fraser.

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May 31st, 1931

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A Friend, "Chinese Work in Toronto"	\$ 40.00
A Friend, "Chinese Work in Toronto"	30.00
A Friend, "Rural Survey Work in Toronto" ...	200.00
A Friend, "Bible Women in India"	120.00
Legacy from the Estate of Miss Frances Bertha Colquhoun, Cornwall, Ont..	5,000.00
Refund on Taxes, Saskatoon School Home	607.42
Refund on Pensions	44.89
GOVERNMENT GRANTS:	
Students at Prince Albert School Home	400.00
Further Education of Indian Student	225.00
Teacher at Mistawasis Indian School	225.00
Freight on Supplies sent to Indian Schools	203.90
Interest	12.50

PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:

Alberta ..	433.92
British Columbia	250.00
Manitoba	662.10
Ontario	10,700.00
Quebec	1,650.00
Saskatchewan	460.00

\$21,264.73

DISBURSEMENTS

South Porcupine Hospital	\$260.00
McMurray Hospital	148.33
Canora Hospital	513.00
Vegreville Hospital	250.00
Chinese in Canada	749.66
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	720.20
Birtle Indian School	451.63
Mistawasis Indian School	132.00
Huntingdon School Home	104.16
New Liskeard School Home	230.57
Saskatoon School Home ..	168.33
Prince Albert School Home	164.16
Vegreville School Home ..	612.99
Welcome and Welfare ..	1,660.52
Formosa	2,199.98
China, South	50.00
Rural Survey Work in Toronto	130.00
Library	18.65
Publications	660.79
Organization	299.64
Deputation	8.25
Candidate	114.35
Education of Chinese Medical Candidates	127.00
Lantern Slides	1.20
Further Education of Indian Student	55.66
Pensions	91.66
Exchange	7.63
New Missionaries	195.90
Council Expenses	1,020.16
Administration	530.10

\$11,676.52

(MRS. R. C.) S. B. DONALD,
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Correction.—In the November, 1930, issue, the Legacy from the late Barbara McLeod, Embro, Ont., should have been credited through the Harrington Aux., not Harriston Aux.

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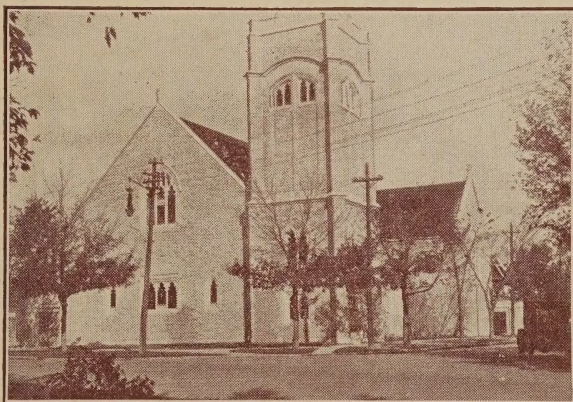
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The Council Meeting

THE first Biennial meeting of the Council was held in the beautiful First Presbyterian Church, Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, May 26th to 31st. Fifteen years have passed since the Council last met in Winnipeg. How vivid the thought of it! How heart-breaking the remembrance! Then, at every station on the way out were khaki clad men; in every church was seen a roll of honor, and over every pulpit a Union Jack, for our Empire was pouring out her life blood that the principle of righteousness and true liberty might be maintained.

Since then the joy bells of peace have rung and our country has known years of prosperity, but at present it, with all the world, is passing through a period of financial depression. But this we can say, that never once throughout the four days' meeting was there any mention of anxiety—although we well knew it lay close to the heart of many of our women—nor was there any hint of retrenchment. Women who had faced the war years were not going to be daunted by material losses. Women who had answered the call of an earthly King with their sons or their substance, would they fail the King of Kings when He asked them to advance His cause on their sacrifices and not on their surpluses? Without any hesitation they accepted the Budget of \$190,000.00 and agreed that advance in the work, not retreat, was their desire.

The meeting was thoroughly representative. Every province sent its full quota except Ontario, which was short two, and the Council Executive which was minus eight Secretaries, absent on account of family or other pressing reasons. Then there were the missionaries—and how splendid they were and what messages they brought! Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mackay, and Mrs. H. A. MacMillan, of Formosa; Mrs. A. Hawtin, of India; Rev. Allan Reoch, of Manchuria; Rev. E. A. and Mrs. Wright, from the Peace River District; Mrs. Ewan Mackenzie, of Gonor; Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, of East Selkirk; Miss S. Violet Scott, Superintendent of the Saskatoon School Residence; Miss R. R. Scott, port worker at Quebec; Miss Jean MacGregor, Girls' Work Secretary; Miss Lamont and Miss Pelton, Field Secretaries, and the other outstanding visitors— Miss Agnes McDonald and Mrs. Isabel R. Hunt, both of Winnipeg, whose addresses on the arresting themes "Is there an appeal in missionary work to the modern young woman"? and "Does the

modern young woman appeal to the Missionary Society''? were a rich contribution to the Young Women's night. Welcome also were Miss Mary Bowman, who brought greetings from the National Girls' Work Board, and Miss Margaret Leggott of Manitoba University, who represented the student body, also Mrs. H. M. Coulter, Neepawa, Man. Present, too, as our visitors were: Mrs. J. F. MacLean, Vancouver; Miss Lily Macarthur, Regina; Miss Helen Ross, Saskatoon; Miss Mary Todd, Winnipeg.

Among the honors conferred upon the Council, we count the special messages sent by the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Very Reverend, Frank Baird, D.D.; the Rev. D. R. Drummond, D.D., Chairman of the Board of Missions; the Women's Missionary Society (Eastern Section), the Rupert's Land Diocesan Branch of the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of England, the Formosan W.M.S., and Miss Olive Ross, of Fort McMurray, who "said it with flowers."

Contrary to the usual custom of asking the different members to be responsible for the morning devotions, this sacred office was placed in the hands of Mrs. H. M. Coulter, Neepawa, Man., and Miss S. V. Scott, Saskatoon. Round the general theme "Sacrificing for the Kingdom" which was based on the central thought of the Council Meeting, "Let us advance our missionary trust on our sacrifices and not on our surpluses", they wove a series of three Bible readings of extreme beauty and spirituality in their concept, musical setting, Bible selections and prayers. These are being printed for wider use in our Society.

THE GONOR MISSION

The visit to the Gonor Mission was a dream fulfilled. The new building



Mrs. Ewan Mackenzie

erected by the W.M.S., and friends of Mrs. Mackenzie, saw that day a gathering that never again can be paralleled. Little wonder that Mrs. Mackenzie said no other hymn than "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow", can express my feelings at this moment, and with one voice the W.M.S. members from end to end of the Dominion, missionaries from lands afar and the new Canadians — mothers, fathers and children, whom the mission is designated to serve, united in this song of praise. A gift of roses to the President, a social half hour, then the members wandered over to Mrs. Mackenzie's home to meet her sister, Miss

Innes, and our veteran missionary who in the eventide of her life is devoting herself in such a noble and splendid way to the cause of mission work among the little folks of all nations living near. At her request each guest took a fragrant spray of crabapple blossom from the tree by the river, and what a sight it was to see each one carrying away with her this emblem of purity, beauty and remembrance. In the sunset glow we walked back to the Mission house with Mrs. Mackenzie—wild geese were soaring overhead and frogs were singing their hearts out. When we reached the door, the bell, the gift of the women of Knox-Crescent Church, Montreal, rang out. We looked up. The tablet on the door read: "Presbyterian Church, All People's Mission." But to us, Gonor was Mrs. Mackenzie and the 84 children whom she loves and who love her, and who stood to watch us go.

The visit to Kildonan and the Vesper Service—a memory in itself—will close our summary as it closed the Council.

OUR FINANCES

MRS. R. C. DONALD

IN presenting the financial report for 1930 I am afraid it is going to be rather difficult to make our position clear, as we have both a small deficit and quite a substantial surplus for the year.

Our total receipts for 1930 amounted to \$215,132.91, deducting the Government grants for our Indian Schools, our actual receipts were \$189,633.18.

The total expenditures amounted to \$211,127.04, deducting the amount paid to Indian Schools from Government grants of \$26,592.79, our actual expenditure was \$184,534.25, thus leaving a balance of \$5,098.93.

Now for the other side. The receipts from the Provinces were \$4,000.00 less than last year, but, by careful management, our expenditure for estimated work was also less. So that we only have a comparatively small deficit.

There were a number of special gifts, such as a car for Dr. Caroline Macdonald, a car for Miss McConnell, a memorial scholarship for a boy in Amkhut, etc. These, of course, can not be counted for our estimated work. Neither can \$2,430.00 in our Legacy Fund, and about \$2,000.00 interest.

In January, we received an account, from our Church office, of \$4,524.42, this being our share of the Commission expenses from 1925. We knew, of course, that we would have our share to pay, and although it was rather a shock, we had the money in our Sustaining Fund, and were able to send our cheque at once.

We have one bright spot to report. As you know, we have been urging our members to give more regularly and our Treasurers to send in the money every month, no matter how small the amount.

Each year there has been a very decided improvement and, in 1930, thanks to your splendid response to this request, we were able to carry through the year without having to borrow from our Sustaining Fund, thus saving several hundred dollars in interest.

We reported last year that the remainder of the "Forward Movement" money in Formosa was being transferred to Canada. This has been completed, and we now have, in a separate bank account, \$15,136.94 under the name of "Formosa Forward Movement Fund".

I have just one request, or maybe I should say one suggestion, to make this year, and that is that all accounts should be audited. No matter how small they may be it is much more satisfactory for every one.

As this is the last report I shall write as your General Treasurer, I would like to thank all our Treasurers and members for their kindness and ready response to the suggestions and requests sent to them from time to time from our Finance Committee.

The Council meeting accepted the estimate of \$190,000.00 for 1931.

Pension Fund

MRS. STRACHAN reported that, there are now 28 of our missionaries connected with the Pension Fund. Since last year two have withdrawn from the fund. In 1930, the rates of missionaries amounted to \$621.75, and the 5 per cent. paid by the W.M.S., amounted to \$1,319.00. Two special pensions were paid, amounting to \$1,100.00.

There is now in the Pension Fund of the W.M.S., \$17,522.71. Of this, \$9,000.00 is invested in bonds and \$8,522.71 is in the bank. Included in this \$17,522.71 are two special gifts of \$500.00 each, received since the last pension report was presented. For these gifts our grateful thanks are extended. Our aim is to have sufficient in the pension fund of the W.M.S., that the interest may meet the two special pensions and the 5 per cent. rate we pay into the Church Pension Fund.

Trustees Report

Mrs. McKerroll reported satisfactory progress in the transference of the deeds of our property to our Society.

Our Organizations

THE great unfulfilled trust is still before us, the bringing into the Society of the 4/5 of the women of our Church, who are not with us, declared Miss MacMurchy. Auxiliary members she likened to doorkeepers in the House of the Lord, and urged that when new members are brought to a meeting, they be not left to themselves but be given something to do. Members must be more than doorkeepers, they must be shepherds and keep the new members in the fold. She also urged careful calculation of resources before the end of the year, 3c. a week more from each member

and the allocation would have been met. Let us, said Miss MacMurchy, "Advance our missionary trust on our sacrifices and not on our surpluses."

The outstanding characteristic in the International report was the increasing bond we have with every country in the world. The Inter-Board Committee, which is composed of all the Women's Missionary Societies in Canada, is anxious to have the object of the World Day of Prayer placed before every woman's organization, for we have cooperation from women's organizations which are not formed for strictly religious or missionary aims. The date set for 1932, is February 2nd.

The Home Helper Department has an enthusiastic Secretary in Mrs. Logie. Her slogan is "every woman linked up with the W.M.S. as an active or Home Helper member," and her advice, show an interest in new Home Helper members, visit them, explain the work and its claims, your enthusiasm will stimulate their interest.

At the Jubilee meeting in Montreal in 1924, we had 1,048 Mission Bands. In 1925, Church Union shattered our Church. In four and a half years we have attained the 500 mark. Our ideal is a Mission Band for every Auxiliary, or 249 more Bands. Mrs. Dill paid honor to the 500 self-sacrificing women who are leading the 12,000 children forward and upward.

"This year we are featuring Young People's Organizations, for the future of the Society depends on our young people of to-day." With these words the President introduced Miss Muriel Gray, who told of methods used to increase the interest of the girls. One was giving them a special bit of work in China, and no less a person than Dr. Jessie MacBean, the other, special help for a Chinese girl who is being educated in Canada, for work in China. Tribute was paid to the fine service given by Miss Jean MacGregor, and announcement made of the appointment of Miss Jean Cowan, B.A., of Barrie, as Girls' Work Secretary.

"The only real problem is the need of leadership," said Miss MacGregor. The girls are ready to help in the support of our work. They like to do things with their hands, and are interested in Missions when presented in an attractive manner.

Not since the beginning of the Society have the Young Women taken as prominent a place as they are doing to-day, was the cheering statement of the Secretary, Mrs. Thos. Findley. Our senior women met the problems of yesterday, and carry the chief burden of the work to-day. The Young Women's Auxiliaries will carry the responsibility of tomorrow. A challenge has gone out to them throughout the whole constituency, and they are responding in no uncertain fashion. They are keen and eager to take up the work and are showing a confidence and ability in conducting meetings which some of the older women have sadly lacked. The four pieces of

work apportioned the young women for their special interest and prayer, appeared in the July-August issue.

A beautiful Affiliation Service, prepared by Miss Isabel Hill, Ottawa, effectively presented by the Girls' Guild of St. James Church, Winnipeg, closed the session.

Supplies, Publications, Lantern Slides

THE Supply work is dear to the heart of our women, and Mrs. Fletcher recounted words of appreciation from all sections where the department ministers, and told of burdens lightened, and of the many visits Santa Claus had made where he was not expected. But, lest we become self-satisfied, she suggested certain improvements in our method of work. (1) See that all allocations reach the Auxiliary in the fall, never in the spring. The sewing is always done in the winter months. (2) Adhere to your allocation. The superintendents of our institutions only ask for what they require and have the right to expect what they requisition. In one instance, layettes, dolls, toys, boys' clothing, were sent a Girls' School Home! They would have been acceptable in an Indian School or a Mission Field. (3) In sending supplies to our Indian Schools, the Government will only reimburse freight charges when *invoices* are carefully filled in, *shipping bills* properly receipted and *receipts slips* signed by Principal or Matron. (4) No money value should be placed on used clothing. This clothing, also quilts and layettes are very acceptable for the bales for Mission fields, Indian Reserves and for the use of deaconesses ministering in needy places. Our institutions are all well provided with quilts.

The message sent by Miss Kerr, Library Secretary, stressed four points: Have two persons censor all books and magazines. Never use the money given for the allocation to carry on this Department, raise it by special methods. The Church office will send the *Record*, *The Challenge*, *The Glad Tidings* for three months to all Presbyterian newcomers. Secretaries are therefore urged to get the names of newcomers from the Social and Welfare workers. Never refuse a request for literature.

Everybody loves pictures, and a lantern is a necessity in the modern church, said Miss Lang. The approximate cost of a lantern to be used with any battery is \$61.00. Slides can be obtained from our Lantern Slide Department, free of cost except for transportation or breakages. The department aims to stimulate interest and provide information. When the need is evident, a desire for service will result.

The Steady Subscriber

"How dear to my heart is the steady subscriber,
Who pays in advance at the birth of each year—
Who lays down the money, and does it quite gladly,
And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer.

She never says: 'Stop it; I cannot afford it;
I'm getting more papers than now I can read;'
But always says: 'Send it; our people all like it;
In fact, we all think it a help and a need.'
How welcome her cheque when it reaches our sanctum!
How it makes our pulse throb! how it makes our
heart dance!
We outwardly thank her; we inwardly bless her—
The steady subscriber who pays in advance.'

The Editor, Miss Fraser, prefaced her appeal for more subscriptions to the *Glad Tidings* with the foregoing poem, from *The Living Message*, and stated that last year 22,763 women had "paid in advance" for the *Glad Tidings*, which is an increase of 1,007, but 2,327 short of the 25,000 objective.

Our publications are always an interesting theme and the audience were all attention as Mrs. Ballantyne told of the new study books for 1932—"Big Ships and Little People" for Mission Bands, "Council Fires" for young people, "The Tide of Opportunity" for Auxiliaries, and urged that every Society devote ten minutes to the study book at each meeting. The set of leaflets on National Work, with large map of Canada, Miss Pelton's lectures, and the Installation Service were mentioned. The statement of one purchaser is worth remembering. She said, "There are some books I can't afford to buy. There are some books I can't afford not to buy."

Candidates, Students, Field Secretaries

THE names of 61 candidates added to the lists in 1930, 17 appointments made to National work (2 withdrawals), 2 appointments to overseas work, Miss Isabel Taylor, Orillia, and Miss Hildur Hermanson, Buchanan, Sask., both to Formosa, was the message sent by the Candidates Secretary, Mrs. D. Inglis Grant. Urgent needs for 1931 are: *Manchuria*, nurse evangelist; *Formosa*, Principal and another university graduate for Girls' School, a kindergarten teacher and 2 evangelists; *Japan*, a nurse; *India*, 2 nurses and doctor; *British Guiana*, Principal for Girls' High School (university graduate).

Our W.M.S. is the only Missionary Society in Canada, that has the temerity to adopt the Student body of our Church for care while they pursue their studies in college, normal or nurses' training schools. To make this care effective, friends of incoming students are urged to send the names ahead to the Provincial Student Secretaries. If this is overlooked Secretaries must depend on the College registration lists for names. People are glad to show kindnesses if only they know where to bestow them. But remember, said Mrs. Calvin, that mass entertain-

ment is a poor substitute for individual friendliness. Experience has proved that the first spark of missionary enthusiasm has been lighted in conversation with a friend.

Miss Pelton and Miss Lamont, Field Secretaries, gave several valuable suggestions regarding the development of the work, and stressed the need of increased thought in studying ages, in presenting subjects, and, as ideal, a graded course in missionary instruction, planned not from the viewpoint of the opportunities of the city, but rather from the limitations of the country where there are few, if any, libraries or reference books. Such a course would help to solve the problems of leadership.

Our National Work

DIFFERENT aspects of our Hospital work were pictured for us, Miss Pringle writing about the unique service of Miss Olive Ross, Fort McMurray, and the faithful work at South Porcupine, Mrs. Poole speaking of the Hospital Aids at Vegreville, Alta., and Canora, Sask. In Vegreville, they beautified and made more comfortable the private wards and the Nurses' Home, gave 110 jars of fruit besides doing all the hospital mending. In Canora, they donated a shadowless operating room lamp. This hospital had 79 maternity cases and never lost a mother or baby. A cause for deep gratitude is that two members of this staff have offered for overseas service, Miss Cuddy, and, through her influence, Miss Hermanson. The honor of going overseas has been denied Miss Cuddy on account of family claims, but Miss Hermanson has been accepted for Formosa and, on completion of a midwifery course in London, England, will proceed to Formosa.

Our six School Homes, in future to be known as School Residences, were described by Mrs. Gordon as a "Canadianizing as well as a Christianizing agency," and instances given of the number of pupils who had united with the Church and become leaders in Christian work. Round the theme "Empire Building for the Kingdom", Miss Violet Scott, Saskatoon, wove a charming account of this National work. The limitation of space forbids printing it in its entirety, to cut it would spoil it.

Immigration restrictions, said Mrs. McMullen, have lessened the number of newcomers. Many have found it difficult to secure employment. Everywhere the Church has taken her share in temporary relief with the result that friendships have been formed and contacts made. The Deaconess staff numbers 13 full time, and 4 special summer workers.

Port Work—Miss R. R. Scott

The tenacity with which first impressions cling to our memory lead us to agree with Miss R. R. Scott, port worker at Quebec, that welcoming the newcomers on their arrival in the name of our Church and

W.M.S., is most important. In 1929, 15,752 Presbyterians landed at Quebec, over 4,000 more than in 1928, whereas last year we had 8,346, which was a little more than half of the previous year. Ontario gets two-thirds of the whole number, Quebec one-third of the number going to Ontario, British Columbia comes third with about half of Quebec's portion, the Maritimes, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan each getting from 300 to 450. These figures refer to Presbyterians only. When families go to places where there is no Presbyterian Church, their address is frequently given to a Mission Band or Auxiliary and letters are written to them, magazines and papers sent, often birthday gifts for the children and always a box at Christmas.

Mrs. McKerroll described the two types of Schools in which Indian work is carried on—the improved Day School and the Residential School. In September the new \$150,000 School built by the government on a tract of 640 acres at Birtle, Man., will be opened by the W.M.S. Survey work this year has revealed higher standard of living on the reserves where our graduates are, also the need of more follow up work by nurses and deaconesses at large. 250 boys and girls are in our 3 schools. One girl hopes to graduate as a nurse this year, one boy, Stephen Landon, a graduate of Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora, has shown decided ability in art.

Mrs. Sedgewick gave a word picture of the fire in our Chinese school in Montreal, and the calmness of the children in the face of danger. Then, we visited in thought the Toronto Mission, heard the children singing their Chinese and English songs, saw the Chinese women conducting their Sunday service in their own language, and met Mrs. Ma, the Chinese pastor's wife, who is such a tremendous help in the work among the women. She is so capable as a teacher, so eloquent as a preacher and so charming in her friendships and helpfulness. Mrs. Sedgewick is convinced that the policy of the Council Executive to have two whole time workers in each centre—one English speaking, the other Chinese—makes for efficiency. A number of educated Christian Chinese young women are now on our staff, to them and to our workers of long experience warm tribute was paid.

Our Overseas Work

BRITISH GUIANA appears to be in a transition stage, industrially and evangelistically, as far as the evangelism of the 125,000 East Indians, for which our Church is responsible, is concerned. The sugar plantations, which for many years have been the chief industry of the country, are giving place to rice fields. The sugar estates were managed by men from the old land, the peasants being their hired laborers. The rice fields are owned and managed by the East Indians almost entirely,

which gives them a responsibility and independence never attainable before. For nearly 30 years our missionaries have been preaching and teaching in this field—doing the most of the work themselves—the native Christians not sharing in it, to any extent. Now the Board of Missions is proposing to make some changes in the administration, by which the East Indian will be given a greater share in the work. The W.M.S. must follow her rule, and assist the Church in this transition of the native Christians to a state of greater responsibility and helpfulness. No lever will help as much as education. We have our Girls' High School established, but without a building, and, due to the resignation of Miss Murray, without a Principal, unless one of our many earnest Christian girl graduates, offers to go and train these fine young girls for leadership.

The Mission to the Koreans in Japan was started when two native pastors followed the Koreans who drifted into Japan after she annexed Korea. The work has grown and, besides the native staff, there are: 6 ordained ministers serving the 400,000 Koreans, 10 evangelists, 24 small churches with 471 members, 601 baptized Christians, 2,200 adherents, with offerings amounting to about \$4,000 last year, also kindergartens and schools and Bible classes manned by native teachers. These schools draw the children and parents to the Mission, and to a knowledge of Christ and the Bible. The difficulties are: the extreme poverty of most of the Koreans, their inability to find steady employment or compete with the keen mind and business ability of the Japanese. Families crowd into mere hovels, unsanitary conditions cause sickness and death among the children, while adults fall victims to the opium habit. Mrs. MacGillivray asked that prayer be made that a doctor, nurse, dispensary, more missionaries and native preachers, kindergartens and a home for the missionaries be forthcoming.

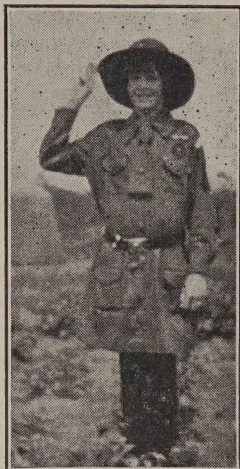
Two outstanding women represent our W.M.S. in South China. Dr. Jessie MacBean, who is doing such splendid work at Hackett Medical College, Canton, and Miss Ethel Reid, who went back to work under the Church of Christ in China and has been received so joyously, was the message sent by Miss M. M. Reid, the Secretary.

The "M. G. Abey" Memorial Children's Nursing Home at Amkhut, in our Bhil field is completed. Mrs. McMurrich hopes the next five years will see: the training of higher grade students in our own Mission; a training home for nurses; more district medical work; medical missionary in each field. Very real regret accompanied the announcement that the Nurses' Home at Jobat has not yet been started. Miss McConnell felt that she could not possibly attempt this added responsibility without more help. Our veteran missionaries Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan are well and happy, and our ten splendid missionaries are doing wonderful work.

For the work in India, Formosa, Manchuria, we direct our readers to the abridged addresses of the missionaries which appear in this and succeeding issues.

Courtesies

Apart from the sessions proper, we think of the delightful tea at Government House, as the guests of His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, and his daughter, Mrs. Harte, the visit to Lower Fort Garry of historic fame, the tea at "Nisbet" Memorial Hall, Kildonan, the banquet given by the Ladies' Aid of First Presbyterian Church, and the many other unnamed kindnesses which we enjoyed. Nor do we forget the courtesy of the Press, which we appreciated, and the constant and thoughtful attention of our dear little page, Margaret Dunwoody.



Miss Margaret Dunwoody, who acted as the cheerful little page throughout the Council.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Central Bureau of Literature for West—Present system satisfactory.

Place of Next Council Meeting—Enlarged Executive to decide.

School Homes—Name to be changed to Presbyterian Residences for boys or girls, as case may be.

Council Executive Minutes—To be sent to Provincial Presidents, as members of Council Executive.

Mission Band Pin—500 to be purchased.

The Financial Survey—Agreed in future to show only receipts and disbursements, and print a general summary once a year.

Affiliation Certificates for teen-age groups—Agreed these be printed.

The "Glad Tidings" and wisest use of space—Agreed Honorary Members appear as at present, but in future only the number of Life Members, Junior Members, Seals and In Memoriam Subscriptions be printed, and they be published each month Presbyterially.

Attendance—94 delegates out of a possible 105 were present.

Increase of Overseas Missionaries' Salaries—Agreed recommendations of Council Executive be accepted, the Finance Committee to decide if the funds will allow of the increases in 1932.

Changes in Constitution—Page 202, II and V. (a); President's term of office, page 203, VII: Agreed that the President shall be elected annually but shall not hold office for more than four consecutive terms. Page 203, VIII; page 205, XXVII; 206, XXXII; 208, I; 223, XXII; 227, Note: New Provincial by-law—Literature Secretary; Deputation Secretary, Ontario; 223, XXII.

For changes in Constitution see 1929 Report. For further information see Summary of Proceedings of Council, 1930 Report.

Formosa Mission Diamond Jubilee Commemoration—Agreed leave matter to Council Executive.

Officers.—The Officers of the Council Executive 1931-32, appear on inside cover page of this issue.

Notice of Motion—As some of the business in connection with the Constitution was unfinished, the Notice of Motion for any necessary constitutional changes is hereby renewed for 1932.

A Missionary Empire Builder

MRS. EWAN MACKENZIE

A BRIDE of but a few months, Mrs. Mackenzie and her husband, Rev. Ewan Mackenzie, crossed the Atlantic in December, 1887. Her husband favored Australia but was sent to Canada. In the spring of the following year he was appointed by the Presbytery of Sydney to Cape North, C.B., a field with six preaching stations. With her husband she tramped over mountains, across bogs, through a country so wild and difficult that often "the soles and uppers of her shoes parted company." They had to speak two languages, Gaelic and English. The people were ignorant of missions, so they organized a W.M.S., at Neil's Harbor.

Mr. Mackenzie not being very well, they went home to Scotland for two years and a half, returning to Canada in 1894, and going west to Manitoba. While in Winnipeg they attended an Indian Workers' Conference, where they gleaned information that was later to take them into Indian work, or as Mrs. Mackenzie expressed it, "There is never any mistake in the way God leads."

For a time they were stationed in the Oak River District, where they had four preaching stations. A very cold winter with quantities of snow made travelling a task. On one occasion the congregation was gathered but there was no minister, he was lost in a snow-bank, so Mrs. Mackenzie said to Mr. Shanks "If you will pray, I will preach." Evidently she was successful, for after the service she was greeted with the remark "You'll do for the west." And she has.

In 1895, she went with her husband to Hurricane Hills, Sask., where they worked among the Indians for 20 years, had the joy of seeing many become Christians, and the organization of a Y.M.C.A., and a W.M.S. The final message of this great pioneer was "If the Presbyterian Church ever gets back her work at Rolling River Reserve, I'd like to go back there."

Mrs. Mackenzie did not tell us that she carried on the work on the Reserve for three years after her husband died. Then she came to Selkirk for a long rest. She saw work beckoning her there and for eleven years she has been guide, counsellor and friend to the people in the community and in the Mission which she established and still carries on.

—EDITOR.

Serving in the Peace River District

MRS. E. A. WRIGHT

THE Peace River Country is beautiful, with vast resources and great problems. When we went north in September, 1929, I did not know what to expect, but I found it even better than I thought. We secured a little four-roomed house in Grande Prairie, a town of 2,000 people, and when the boxes and bales came at Christmas time we were almost deluged. We have electric light and telephone, but water is still 1c. a gallon. I have a Sunday School of 18 children in our little home. When I think of the blessing that comes into one's life through Sunday School work, I marvel that the ranks are so thin. We also hold a mid-week meeting in our home, and it has been a real encouragement to us, and a blessing to many. Our house is too small to invite anyone to stay overnight but we can always give people a meal and speak the word of encouragement and cheer. I am thankful to be here and to be used of God in that way.

Our field in Grande Prairie is not large but it is very loyal. At present the people are having a struggle to get the necessities of life. We are having services in the Oddfellows' Hall. We are so grateful for the things you have sent. I have seen in them a spirit of generosity, love and interest on the part of the Presbyterian Church that I never knew existed. Miss Hazel Macdonald is doing a great work. There is only one kind of worker we want—one who knows Christ and makes Him known. There is a great call for laborers. I am not making any request but I know the W.M.S. will do all they can.

Mrs. Strachan replied as follows: "We accept the trust Mrs. Wright places in our hands, and as a W.M.S., we will do all in our power to extend the Kingdom of Christ in the Peace River Country."

The Gwalior Mission

MRS. A. HAWTIN

THE Gwalior Mission is in Jhansi, 700 miles from Bombay, and the same distance from Calcutta, and at the very centre of India.

When Dr. Wilkie went out in 1904, hoping to establish a Mission in Gwalior, he found the way blocked. Finally, in 1904, a site of 30 acres was obtained on the outskirts of the city, and there he built his bungalow and started the work which the newer missionaries to-day are carrying on. It was called the Gwalior Mission after a Prayer Circle of that name formed in Toronto. In time other bungalows were erected, also Gracebai's home, the "Helen Macdonald" Memorial School, the Boys' School and the new Industrial School and Church in memory of the late Dr. Wilkie.

Besides this Compound at Jhansi, the Mission has land at Baragaon and recently the W.M.S. put up a bungalow, where Miss Whatling lives. It has also 8 outstations where the native preachers and their families live, each preacher has 25 villages under his care. Besides conducting the dispensary at Jhansi compound, Miss Simpson goes out into these 8 stations and attends to the sick who need her care.



Mrs. A. Hawtin

We have a fine new Boys' School but need a hostel. The school accommodates 40 boys, and Mr. MacKay has 100 boarders. The work among the boys and girls is of the greatest importance. At Jhansi we hold Church in the auditorium of the Girls' School, have a flourishing Sunday School, a Christian Endeavor for boys, and Miss Stringer has started Girl Guides. We believe in intensive instead of extensive work.

At Bronsonpura, in another direction, the Mission has 1,200 acres of land, which we call the farm. It has been in operation for 16 years. The object of the farm is to offer a refuge to any who may be driven out of their own villages and to teach better methods of farming that people may become self supporting.

Five Key-words for Formosa

MRS. G. W. MACKAY

IN speaking to the Formosa report, I would use five key-words, and the first of these is *Praise*.

The coming year, 1932, will bring the 60th anniversary of the planting of the banner of the cross of Christ in North Formosa. Such an anniversary must cause a backward look of deepest gratitude. "The Lord has been mindful of us." Let us praise Him. Then the forward look "He will bless us." Again let us *praise*.

Pray. The years since 1925 have seen an almost complete change of our Mission staff. Will not the Church which has sent out the new workers, do for them what the Head of the Church did for His disciples before He left them? In the 17th chapter of John's Gospel we get the outpouring of His heart in prayer for them. Let the Church in Canada take that same prayer for its Mission staff in Formosa.

Preserve. Before any talk of forward movements, let us be well assured in our own minds that what we have, in the way of organized

work, we will most surely *preserve*. We have but one Girls' School, and the Formosan Church needs it. We have but one hospital, the nursing department of which leads not only in Formosa. It is certainly unsurpassed within the limits of the Japanese Empire. We have but one school for women—would that it were many times larger. Its opportunity is unique, and it is comparatively unhampered by Government regulations. Our kindergarten work was started just in the nick of time, and has already had some struggles to maintain its existence. Before we sound the note of progress, let us strike clearly and with the sustaining pedal on, the bass note of *preserving*, holding fast all that we have from the past.

Put up. Next comes our fourth word *Put up*. That is an incomplete verb, an incomplete idea entirely, unless followed by an object. For years we in Tamsui have been striving, laying by money, collecting money to try and put up in this, our oldest Mission centre, a substantial church, which shall be large enough to accommodate, not only the Tamsui congregation, but the hundreds of students as well. It is quite a sight to see the congregation assemble for service at 9 o'clock on a Sunday morning. All the front pews are filled with Girls' School pupils in their blue and white uniforms. The back of the centre and one side are packed tight with Middle School students in their khaki uniforms. The Women's School students sit behind the girls in the centre. The members of the Tamsui congregation are crowded into one side, the men squeezed



Mr. and Mrs. G. W. MacKay

in at the back on backless benches, or standing around the door. And the worst of it is, that the roof has been pronounced unsafe. The Tamsui congregation is able and willing to erect a church large enough for its own needs, without outside help. It is the presence of these hundreds of students, coming from all over the Island, mostly from non-Christian homes, which makes a large church necessary.

Progress. The weakest part of our W.M.S. work in the past has been our lack of success in securing Bible women. I would like to indicate the method of recruiting possible Bible women, which I think might well be worked to its fullest possibilities this next—our Jubilee—year. We could judge by the end of the year, of its results. Last year's report mentioned the system of Bible memorizing which was launched some four years ago, with the sanction of the Mission Council, as an experiment of which Council approved, but without any financial support. Within the last few years, the Canadian Sunday School Mission, in Manitoba, and a similar organization in British Columbia, have been working along similar lines. In these

few years, two boys, who early in their Christian life began this Bible memorizing are definitely looking forward to the ministry, and three women stepped right on, one into the Women's School and full-time Bible woman's work, and two young sisters, without any work in the Women's School, went out with Mrs. Koa and did very acceptable work as Bible women for two months.

Other lines of progress opening up before us are, work among three aboriginal tribes, and a most unique opening for work amongst Buddhist nuns, living in vegetarian nunneries all over Formosa.

In this coming Jubilee year may the Home Church and the Formosan Church be one in prayer, and may the progress be such as to gladden the heart of our Risen and Exalted Lord.

Efforts and Activities in East Selkirk

MISS DOROTHY JENKINSON

ON October 10th, 1929, I arrived at East Selkirk and was introduced to my future home and field of work. My home is a room above the church, my work is bringing to a village, 25 miles north of Winnipeg and about 3 miles east of Selkirk town, the story of the gospel. The village is a new Canadian settlement comprising Ukrainians, Poles, Finlanders, half-breed Indians and one Jewish family. There are only 3 British families in the village, but a number of British people reside in the surrounding district.

The fields consisted, when I arrived, of 3 preaching stations, Walkleyburg, Mayfield and East Selkirk. Walkleyburg and Mayfield are summer fields, at East Selkirk our harvest time is the winter.

Work had been begun in these fields and there was a meeting place at each point. In Walkleyburg, the furthest point, 10 miles from East Selkirk, we met in a school house. There was an organ—rather badly abused with parts such as the pedal and middle “c” note missing—but wasn’t it splendid to find an organ at all? It belonged to the school. I held Church service and Sunday School, carried on the Young People’s Society and organized a Mission Band, but, owing to opposition, we were forced to vacate the field in the summer of 1930.

Mayfield, the next point is 5 miles east of East Selkirk. Here we have more British people and our meeting place is again a school house. We had no organ at first but when I told the people of my little home church at Scarboro that I needed an organ and a victrola, both were sent to me and have been a source of joy and comfort ever since. We held a combined church and Sabbath School session at this point, also a Mission Band. Our Band met after school on Friday afternoon and practically every child stayed.

At East Selkirk, the main point of the field, we have a rented building. It once was a bootlegger's domicile and a gambling den but at present looks quite like a place for worship on a Sunday morning, when we gather for service. Here, where I live, there has been more opportunity to have activities to meet the need of every age and class. We started out with Church service and Sunday School combined, as I had 3 preaching points. Gradually we were able to hold a separate school session and at the present moment I have two school sessions, one at 11 a.m. and another at 1.30 p.m. with regular service at 3 p.m. At different times we have different organizations being forced by the opposition of the resident churches of which there are 3 to consider their power and strength against our efforts. Mission Band we have never closed or changed even when we were left with only 3 children for weeks. Boys work I have been forced to discontinue. Girls work I still carry on but I have 3 girls left out of a membership of 18. The women's work does not grow in attendance at meetings, but it has grown in strength and interest and been a great joy. Choir practice is a delight to both the children and to me. We have been rewarded for our efforts in that work. Prayer meeting is a source of strength to me particularly. One must experience the joy of that meeting to understand its place in our life. I would like to mention the one at East Selkirk, which is composed mostly of children. Here we have had many answers to prayer. We prayed for a man to carry on the work in the home field. We were given a man for China. We prayed for understanding and love for the people of Walkleyburg. The Walkleyburg people sent a shower to our bazaar and a request to me to take up work in that field again. Our organization work in every department had been sadly wrecked by opposing forces, our numbers being as low as 5 or 3. We have been having 20 to 30 children regularly. Prayer meeting has been a very real living glorious experience to us. When possible I have been holding, in addition to other meetings on the Sabbath, a sing song at night and as in other activities we have active opposition here, for the Ukrainian school principal or other leaders hold a concert and dance in the town hall on Sunday evenings.

East Selkirk has been a busy centre of work during the year and a half I have been there. We have had a Communion and Baptismal service, a congregational meeting, banquet, a garden party, 2 bazaars, 2 Christmas concerts, a women's banquet, 2 showers to different people burned out, 2 showers for a girl going away from the community, a good-bye party to one of our members. There have been other efforts and activities all with the view to the establishment of understanding, love, trust and friendship and, someway, it has been successful as such efforts are successful when done with the desire to glorify God and make Christ a vital reality in the lives of those with whom we live and work and love.

The Challenge of Jesus to the Young Men and Women of Formosa

MRS. H. A. MACMILLAN

HAVE you ever heard anyone say "I do not believe in Foreign Missions"? Has that man or woman grasped the full value and scope of the Christian message? The gospel of Jesus is essentially a missionary gospel. Coming into fellowship with Him we find in ourselves an overmastering impulse to share Him with others. There is a call to every living soul in this generation in the command of Jesus "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel. . . ."



Mrs. H. A. MacMillan

In words from the Jerusalem Conference—"We go to those nations that are non-Christian not because they are the worst in the world and they alone are in need, we go, because they are a part of the world, and share with us in the same human need—the need of Jesus Christ—the need to have life complete and abundant. We believe that men were made for Christ and cannot really live apart from Him."

To show you how Jesus challenges the young men and women of Formosa don't let us picture those young men and women as heathens, in the sense of what that word means to most of us. We must think of them living in a beautiful modern land, growing up surrounded by luxuries and advantages such as we enjoy. Think of them as men and women trying to get the best out of life but bound down by age-long heathen customs, superstitions and idolatry. Once we get that idea, we find ourselves drawn to people of other faiths. Their religion stands for the effort they are making to understand God. We then are on common ground.

There is a close parallel in the national condition of the Formosans with that of the Jews at the time of Jesus. They are a subject race, paying homage to Japan. Strong national feelings burn deeply in the hearts of many of the Formosan young men. There are those who would rise up and cast off the yoke of Japan. Jesus stands before them today as He did before the revolutionaries of His day with an offer of life that will make men truly free.

A group of three hundred Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. secretaries with a hundred other young Chinese men and women and a few Formosans, met in Amoy this Easter to discuss ways and means of making Christ

real to the men and women they met. An impressive sunrise Easter service began the week of meetings, and was held on a hill top just outside the city. At the final evening meeting fifty men and a few women stood up before the assembled group and told of their new found faith in Christ. Three confessed they had come with the avowed purpose of opposing Christianity but they had met God face to face and saw a life of hope and service opening up before them. Three from non-Christian homes, who had never heard the gospel expressed a desire to become Christians. And so the leaven is working here and there all over the Orient. Never was there a more ready acceptance of Jesus as there is today. Thousands of young men in Formosa are turning away from Buddhism, but nothing is taking its place. What a challenge they present to us. Requests come in continuously for classes for the study of Jesus; from young men, 20 in all, teachers in a large city who want to learn of Jesus; again a group of officials seeking Jesus; then a group in a college; everywhere men are seeking.

A noble attempt is made to meet this need among young men and present Jesus to them in our Boys' Schools in Formosa and in nearly two hundred organized churches in the north and south.

The work among the women has appealed greatly to me. We, at home, do not realize fully how much we owe to Jesus in raising womanhood up to the level in society that it is today.

There are thousands yet in Formosa whose darkened lives cry out for light. We must heed this cry. The work being done for the women in our Girls' School and Women's School is worthy of the best support you can give. In the Girls' School upward of one hundred young girls are taking the High School course in a well equipped, well organized school. But the greatest work being done there is character building. Four years spent in a school of Christian standing, guided by Christian teachers molds the lives of these young girls. Bible study is an important part of the curriculum. Attendance at church and Sunday School, too, brings them face to face with the Jesus way of life. These girls go out after four years of training, well equipped for the part they have to play in the home and with a knowledge of Christ which is bound to affect their lives whether they have taken the stand for Christ or not. There should be a missionary with time to follow up these girls; help them in the stand they are taking for Christ; strengthen those who are slipping away or have never been allowed to practice what they have learned in the school. If there are any young women thinking of giving their lives in missionary service, I know of no greater call than there is in this follow-up work from Tamsui Girls' School. The school itself calls for a principal of university standing. It is a work that calls for a young woman, well-trained and well-equipped with Christian love. It is a work that will repay many times over the

effort put into it by lives transformed for service for Christ. Another branch that calls for workers is the evangelistic. Throughout the whole country you will find countless women, young and old, who cannot read. With the simplified script, a woman can be taught to read and write in a month. Think of the joy that must come to a woman who finds she can read the Bible. At present many earnest Bible women are doing their bit but it is only a drop in the bucket. The women in Formosa are only just awakening to the fact they have equal rights with men to be educated. With education will come a further emancipation. Before many years the women will take their place in society as our women do at home. But what contribution can they make without the guidance of Christ, and how are they to have that guidance unless we give it to them? It is a great responsibility but what a wonderful opportunity to be co-workers with the Christian men and women there in bringing in the Kingdom of God!

Manchuria

REV. ALLAN REOCH

IT is a privilege for our Church to have work in China, that great and mighty nation of approximately 400,000,000 people. It is important that we have a part in the upbuilding of China because she is one of the coming great nations on the Pacific, and our country will have much to do with her in the commercial world.

The work of our Church is in Manchuria, the north east province of China. Manchuria is about the size of Ontario and has a population of 27,000,000, or 72 to the square mile as compared with 421 to the square mile in Japan. The climate is similar to that of Canada.

Manchuria is a progressive country. In the large cities, Mukden for example, you will see oriental rickshaws, carts, and Russian carriages, along with street cars, motor busses, electric lights, etc. It is also well supplied with railways. There has been built since 1897, in Manchuria, 3,000 miles of railway as compared with 5,000 miles in the rest of China since 1887.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Manchuria is an interesting place from the standpoint of its foreign relations. There you find the conflict of three great powers. It is interesting to note how Japan and Russia obtained their foothold in the province.

China and Japan went to war in 1894-5, over trouble in Korea. As a result, the Liaotung peninsula, in Manchuria, was ceded to Japan.

Immediately a protest was made by Russia, Germany, and France, advising Japan to give back the Liaotung peninsula to China in the interest of peace in the far East. At the same time these three powerful countries were concentrating their fleets in Chinese waters and Japan, just

having emerged from a war with China, did not feel equal to battling with the navies of three nations and complied with their request.

In return for this service to China, Russia obtained the right to build a railway across Northern Manchuria to Vladivostock, and later a branch line from Harbin to Darien an ice-free port on the Pacific.

The Russian railway, known as the Chinese Eastern Railway, is, according to the treaty of 1924, to be turned over to the Chinese on payment by them of a sum of money equal to the amount invested in the enterprise. Until that time it is to be managed jointly and the profits divided equally between the Russians and Chinese.

After the Boxer uprising in 1900, and its settlement, Russia still maintained large numbers of troops in Manchuria. This was a menace to the security of Japan, who, in 1904 declared war on Russia. After defeating Russia, peace was made in 1905. As a result of the war, Russia transferred to Japan the leased territory known as the Liaotung peninsula, and that part of the Russian (Chinese Eastern) railway from Chang Chun to Darien, known as the South Manchurian Railway.

As this railway was leased for only 25 years, before the lease expired, the Japanese in 1915 presented to China what is known as the Twenty-one Demands. As a result, it was agreed: (1) To extend the term of lease to 99 years. (2) That in building railways in Manchuria, the Chinese if required to raise a loan, should borrow from the Japanese. So while the Japanese only own and control 695 miles of railway in Manchuria, they have financed another 616 miles built by the Chinese. This makes Japanese influence in Manchuria paramount. Altogether Japan has a billion dollars invested in Manchuria. There are 250,000 Japanese in Manchuria, and 750,000 Koreans who being Japanese subjects brings the total of Japanese subjects in Manchuria up to 1,000,000. With all these interests at stake, Japan desired to prevent Manchuria from being involved in civil war, and in 1928 when it looked as if the province was going to be invaded, the Japanese issued the following warning, "should the disturbance develop further in the direction of Peking and Tientsin, and the situation become so menacing as to threaten the peace of Manchuria, the Japanese Government on its part may possibly be constrained to take effective steps for preserving peace and order in Manchuria."

All this has a bearing on our work, for the presence and influence of



Rev. Allan Reoch

Japan in Manchuria has been a large factor in preserving peace and, throughout these years when the missionaries and business people in the south and central parts of China had to flee from their inland posts to the port cities, we have been able to carry on in Manchuria without any hindrance whatever.

IMMIGRATION

Another factor which helps us in our work is the steady flow of immigration into Manchuria from the war torn areas, the bandit ridden districts and the famine regions. It is estimated that 1,000,000 Chinese entered Manchuria in 1927. That was the peak, but every year hundreds of thousands enter the province. What has that to do with the preaching of the Gospel? These people have broken away from their old homes, friends and relatives and are not so apt to suffer from the petty persecution they would meet if living in their home villages and therefore are more easily reached with the gospel.

But why is Manchuria so sparsely settled in comparison with the rest of China? Only during recent years has there been a flow of people into Manchuria. After the Ming Dynasty drove the Mongols out of South Manchuria in 1364, many Chinese entered the province but during the war between the Ming dynasty and the Manchu people, most of them fled to their native provinces. When the Manchu's came into power in 1644, they excluded the Chinese from Manchuria, but many found their way back, following the sea route and entering from that angle. This exclusion law was rescinded by the Military Governor of Mukden in 1905. However, not until after the forming of the Republic was there a heavy flow of Chinese into Manchuria.

SOME OPPOSED TO MISSIONS

A great many people say "Why should we in the west assume an attitude of superiority and force our religion upon an unwilling people?"

We are not forcing the Chinese to accept our religion, we are simply giving them an opportunity to hear the gospel and if they don't accept, the sin is not ours.

You often hear people say "The Chinese religion is good enough for them and can save them." That is contrary to fact. One can see how useless and hopeless their religion is when it comes to a plan of salvation.

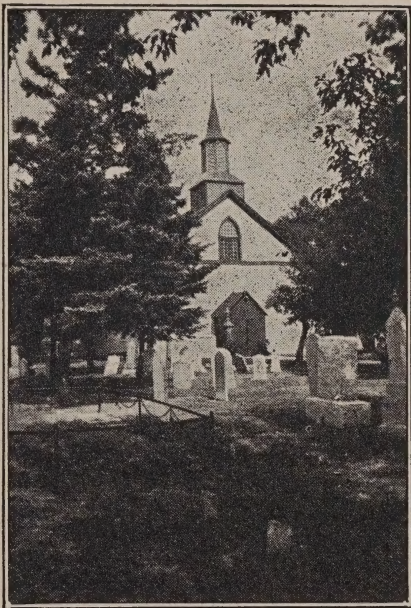
Then some say "The Chinese have their sages and don't need our religion." The Chinese have their sages and Confucius was their ablest. There are some good teachings in Confucianism, filial piety for example, but when it comes to a plan of salvation, Confucius has nothing to offer. Stories of the work show the open doors of opportunity, the need and the power of the gospel to save when preached to the people. "Outer Mongolia has been made red by the Bolsheviks. Before it is too late, let us help to make Inner Mongolia red by the blood of Jesus."

The Vesper Service

KILDONAN CHURCH—that cradle of Presbyterianism in western Canada—with its picturesque surroundings, its stone walls so carefully cut and so reverently laid by the early Manitobans, 77 years ago, was the setting for the Vesper Service which closed the Council.

Outside, like sentinels on guard were the headstones that marked the resting places of those who had kept the faith and passed on before. Among them stood one to the memory of the Reverend James Robertson, D.D., the greatest Superintendent western Canada has known, on which these prophetic words were inscribed: "The story of his work is the story of the Presbyterian Church in Western Canada, and while Western Canada endures that work will abide." And to his wife: "Who denying her heart its claims, with fidelity, patience and courage, for twenty years kept her lonely watch over home and children that his work for Western Canada might be done. As she shared his sacrifice so she shares his glory."

Ere we passed into the Church, the officers gathered around the sacred spot, and in honor of these two great souls, the President quietly placed our offering of flowers.



Kildonan Church

And what a setting the Church made for the closing session! The President, Mrs. Strachan, presided, and grouped round her were the descendants of the early pioneers: Mrs. R. G. MacBeth, Inkster, Mrs. Alex. Polson and Miss Henrietta Black, Winnipeg, Mrs. Alex. Matheson, Stony Mountain; the choir of boys and girls from Mrs. Mackenzie's Mission at Gonor, and Miss Jenkinson's at East Selkirk; Miss Henrietta Bannerman and Dr. R. G. MacBeth, unable to be present, sent greetings. Back of all hung the memorial tablets: To "Rev. John Black, D.D., First Presbyterian Missionary to Rupert's Land, September 18th, 1851, and first pastor of

this parish," and to "the founders and builders of Kildonan Presbyterian Church, the first Presbyterian Church west of Lake Superior."

Mrs. Alex. Matheson conducted the devotions and Mrs. R. G. MacBeth welcomed the Council in the following priceless story:

Friends:

"It gives us all great pleasure to welcome you here this afternoon.

We are very proud of our church and hall, the church being the first Presbyterian church west of the Great Lakes and the hall was planned and built by the first Presbyterian missionary to the Indians in the West, Rev. James Nisbet.

Mr. Nisbet came from Oakville, Ontario, to assist Dr. Black, as the work was increasing with new settlers coming in. He stayed four or five years in the settlement then Dr. Black, Mr. Nisbet, and the settlers agreed that they *should* send a missionary to the Indians in the West and Mr. Nisbet volunteered to go.

Dr. Black called for a day of prayer for they realized that without God's blessing the work would be all in vain. The settlers and friends collected \$500 to help them on the way, and so was sent out the first Presbyterian Missionaries to the West. The little party consisted of the Rev. James Nisbet, Mrs. Nisbet, John McKay, interpreter and afterwards ordained missionary, Mrs. McKay, Adam McBeth, teacher, Alexander Polson and George Flett, helpers and friends.

There were no trains to carry these first missionaries to their destination in a day and night, no fine limousines to go rolling over the prairies in luxury and comfort—just Red River carts and oxen, or if you were very fortunate you might have a pony. So they travelled six hundred miles to the West, taking six weeks on the road, having to make several stops for much needed rest both for themselves and the animals. At last they came to the Saskatchewan River and followed along its banks until they came to a suitable place near an Indian encampment, and there they founded what is now the flourishing city of Prince Albert.

The work prospered, greatly helped by Miss Lucy M. Baker, a young lady who came out as a teacher and used all her spare time and energy helping on the mission work. In 1920 a school home was erected called the 'Lucy M. Baker' School Home, which, I understand is self-supporting.

John McKay went further West and opened up another Indian School on Mistewasis Reserve and in the Northwest Rebellion both missions proved loyal and very helpful to the white settlers, not only in saving lives but property as well. Afterwards when all was quiet again, the two chiefs, 'Mis-te-wasis' and 'Star Blanket' were taken down to Toronto, where they were given a royal welcome and shown all the sights of the city. Before leaving for the West again, a lady invited them to her home and during the evening she said to Mis-te-wasis that she thought they should sing for them. He agreed to do so and he and 'Star Blanket' stood up in front and began to sing. The lady hurried to the piano and all the people stood up and joined in the singing and, as Mis-te-wasis graphically described it, 'there was he and Star Blanket leading the Singing Box and all the other people.' They were singing the Hundredth Psalm, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' which they had learned at the mission. So the mission seemed to link the East and the West. I wanted to tell you this story of Mis-te-wasis,

for as long as he lived he delighted to tell about his visit to Toronto and so many of you are from that city.

Most of these missionaries are laid in our little cemetery along with a whole host of pioneers and Lord Selkirk settlers and we, their representatives, descendants and friends, do most heartily welcome you here to-day."

An impressive memorial service for the late Rev. D. G. McQueen, D.D., of Edmonton, followed, when heartfelt tribute was paid to this "statesman, educator, minister and Christian gentleman", by the President, and, after a period of silent remembrance, a prayer of thanksgiving for the life and example of this great pioneer was offered by Mrs. A. T. Kinnaird, Edmonton.

The bestowal of medals followed—one presented in absentia, to Dr. Jessie MacBean of Hackett Medical College, Canton, China, who for



The President, Mrs. D. Strachan, and Vice-president, Miss MacMurchy, Mrs. H. A. Robson and members of Council, at the grave of the late Rev. James Robertson, D.D., and Mrs. Robertson, and the tribute of flowers to their memory.

twenty-five years has carried on her work in the Orient, and who is beloved of all W.M.S. women, the presentation being made by Miss Cameron, Montreal, in the absence of Mrs. I. C. Sharp, and one for pioneer service, to Mrs. Ewan Mackenzie, who in the words of Mrs. Strachan, who made the presentation, "is the stuff pioneers, countries, churches and nations are made of, and whose work will never be over until the Master asks her to lay it down." And the touching reply of that truly great pioneer missionary as she laid her hand upon the medal on her breast, "I will keep it pure and unstained and lay it at my Master's feet as my greatest treasure."

The story of her 44 years of pioneering experiences, the closing tribute by the President to the pioneers of our country and our Church, and the benediction by Rev. John Hart, and the 1931 Council Meeting was over.

—M.C.G.F.

The Pioneers of Yesterday and To-day

Closing Words at the Vesper Service

MRS. DANIEL STRACHAN

THIS afternoon is what might be termed "Pioneers' Day" in our Society, for we have come out to this Church with its quiet God's acre for no other purpose than to pay our tribute to the pioneers of our country and our church. And if I were to give these few words of mine, addressed to you women of this day, any heading, it would be "Adventuring or launching out into the deep."

The pioneers whom we honor here to-day, most assuredly had this adventurous spirit when they left their own hearthside and went out, truly not knowing whither they went. What depths they sounded in adventures of faith and prayer, of courage and bravery, of patience, of unknown and untrod paths!

In the new land and unaccustomed surroundings to which they came, nothing daunted that adventurous, heroic spirit, and neither sickness, privation, loneliness or isolation, kept them from the one purpose uppermost in their minds, that of erecting first their family altar, and secondly establishing ordinances and providing education for their children.

We women of to-day are heirs to all their struggles for liberty and religious freedom. All honor to the pioneers who put the stamp of Christianity upon this Dominion? What a heritage they handed on to us! Adventurers all!

We are the pioneers of the future. It is ours to pass on the heritage to the next generation. Have we kept this heritage pure and unsullied? Shall the next generation know the women of to-day as those of sturdy faith and adventurous intercession, who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises? Shall they know us as women to whom principle meant everything, as women who placed Home and Church before all else, as women who with such enlarged opportunities, enlarged their privileges of service, as women who were willing to sacrifice for a cause they believed to be right?

Or will the next generation know the women of to-day as those who allowed their heritage to deteriorate, as those whose faith never shone out as a beacon light, as those who took the easy way, who were content to allow shocking ills to grow up in their own land, if only they did not rear their heads near them or their families?

Are we going to be real pioneers launching out into the deep in an adventurous spirit, taking our work and the work of the kingdom as if we believed in the promises of God?

Friends, we do need to-day a revival of our faith and our enthusiasm, and a revival of Christian life in all its fullness, with the belief that all

life is sacred, whether it is spent amid the week day duties or in the service of the sanctuary.

We need to beware lest we lose something of the buoyant enthusiasm which characterized the pioneer. It has been said "That as men's social standards went up their love of spiritual adventure often diminished to the vanishing point, and that we need to recover some of the old disregard for convention. Our Churches are apt to grow so highly organized and influential that they lose something of the original passion that gave them birth."

Shall this be said of us women, whose watchword is "The World for Christ"?

To-day the Christian women of Canada, and of the world, have a tremendous challenge set them. Every country in the world is torn with some trouble—nationalism, communism, unemployment—great and dark spectres stalking through the world. To speak of the challenge of only one of these, communism, Dr. Henry Hodgkin at the meeting of the Federation of Women's Foreign Missions Boards of North America, said: "Many of us see red when Russia is mentioned, but something is happening in Russia, things of extreme importance. This communism is stirring the very depths of men's minds in Russia, and because they think they have seen an ideal, many young men and women are on short rations to bring about that ideal. Communism challenges self interest and capitalism, and puts forward the good of the community often with great personal sacrifice."

We, too, profess to have an ideal, and we profess to believe that our Christ is the one hope for the world's troubles and for ourselves. But do we sacrifice for our ideal? Do we strive in these trying, testing times to live more nearly the Christ life?

O friends, let us adventure a little bit, let us do a bit of pioneering, let us launch out into the deep. How much we miss because we are just content to paddle about near shore. How much stronger our faith, and our love, and our service would be if we launched right out into the ocean of God's love!

Then for our Society, do not let us forget to do some pioneering and adventuring there. Our Society is only what each individual makes it. Do not let us feel that because we have always done things in a certain way that it would not be better to get out of the rut, that because people have always met together in a certain place, at a certain time, they must all continue to do so.

Why shrink from change? Above all, do not let us put our own feelings and wishes first, that is not a pioneer spirit. Let us think what is best for our Society, and even if we do a little adventuring and get beyond our depth, it will be good for us. Above all, as the pioneer women did, let us be loyal to our Church, with a loyalty that will never fail. If this

group of women will this year make this their motive power, the kingdom of God will grow in this country of ours.

If all of us here had a compelling sense of our mission, what could we not do? If looking out on our work, both the direct mission activities of our Church and all the other benevolent undertakings in which we may engage, we could feel the love of Christ driving us, pushing us on step by step, so that we could not, dare not, stand still, would we not be able to accomplish that for which we are commissioned?

Two of the great words in life are "service" and "sacrifice". If the women of the Presbyterian Church want real solid enjoyment at the end of the day they may find their largest satisfaction in sacrificial service.

And so I plead with all here to-day to renew again the spirit of the pioneer women of our land, the spirit of faith, of service and of sacrifice, that we may scorn the safe and easy way and make ourselves worthy of those courageous souls who ventured all in obedience to His call and "for whom the trumpets have sounded on the other side."

I give you now the toast to pioneer women, written by one of our own singers, Anne Sutherland of Guelph:

"Now, while the wine runs reddest and loyalties leap high,
I give you the dead, brave women whose glory never die,
The dead, brave, wonderful women whose labor and dreams and pain
Nurtured our young Dominion and nurtured her not in vain,
Mothers of Canada—homage to heart and brain!

I give you the fair white fingers, roughened and seamed and torn,
The delicate, lovely faces, patient and glad and worn,
The kirtles of snowy linen in lieu of the gold brocade,
The elegant shawls in exile, gallant and patched and frayed,
Mothers of Canada—they who served God and prayed!

I give you the slender shoulders stooped to a lullaby,
And the answering wail of she-wolves hushing the hunger-cry,
I give you the thousand beacons of quivering candle light
Set in the rough-hewn windows to guide men home at night,
Mothers of Canada, keeping the home fires bright!

I give you the little gardens watered with homesick tears,
The simple knowledge of root and herb, the long faith down the years,
The aching, dragging, terrible toil that made for the woman's day
And the grim scarred peace of her folded hands when the task was
laid away,
Mothers of Canada, broken and proud and gay!

I give you the firm, sweet sinew and the broad and shameless brow,
The deep Madonna bosom, the generous Eden vow,
I, of the twentieth century, clever and cautious—lo,
I give you the foolish, spendthrift, beautiful women of long ago,
Fuel to flames that cast eternal afterglow!"

Designated to Service in Formosa

VERY solemn and impressive was the ceremony in the Presbyterian Church, Orillia, Ont., on July 10th, when Miss Isabel Taylor, was designated for missionary service in Formosa. The Rev. G. S. Lloyd, M.A., B.D., Moderator of the Presbytery, conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. J. S. Shortt, M.A., and the Rev. Wm. MacMillan, B.D. The Rev. Mr. Shortt preached the sermon. Mrs. Daniel Strachan, President of the W.M.S., presented the candidate, stating that she was going as an evangelist and teacher of music to Tamsui, in our North Formosan Mission. Miss Taylor had thought of India, but when the call of Formosa was presented to her, with true missionary spirit she accepted it. With only eighteen months' study at the Toronto Conservatory of Music, she had secured her degree of A.T.C.M., with honors. She had also taken lectures in Knox College and the Canadian School of Missions, and was going out with the attributes necessary to success, a thorough training and knowledge of the work, and a desire to use her talents for the work of the Church.

The designation service was then conducted by the Moderator, followed by prayer by the Rev. J. A. MacInnis, B.A., B.D., minister of the church.

Miss Ferguson, Principal of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, which Miss Taylor had attended, presented her with the School pin; Mrs. W. A. J. Martin, Secretary for Formosa, made the presentation of a Schofield Bible, the gift of the W.M.S.; Mrs. J. H. Eaton, Ontario Provincial Board, presented a copy of the New Testament in Formosan, the gift of the British and Foreign Bible Society; on behalf of Barrie Presbyterial, Mrs. A. E. Swallow, President, presented Miss Taylor with a handsome leather travelling clock. The gift of a purse of gold from the congregation was made through the Orillia Auxiliary by Mrs. A. J. Truman, and Miss Hattie Nugent, who also presented a bar pin and quilt from the Mission Band, and book of views from the C.G.I.T. Mrs. Strachan gave a short address, assuring Miss Taylor of the support and prayers of the W.M.S., under whose auspices she will work. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Neil Campbell, D.D.

Miss Taylor sailed on the *Empress of Asia*, August 29th, for Formosa.



Miss Isabel Taylor

Books Old and New

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

IN planning the programme for the fall and winter months, it is important to give definite time to the study book, whether or not special speakers are featured. Otherwise the trend is lost, and the members miss part of the work. If the whole meeting is given to the study book chapter, there is listed supplementary reading by which members may enlarge their talk on the work. Too much emphasis cannot be put upon the necessity of having the message brief, clear and to the point, especially when several members share the meeting. The new study books are:

THE TIDE OF OPPORTUNITY, for Auxiliaries and Young Women's Auxiliaries.

BIG SHIPS AND LITTLE PEOPLE, for Mission Bands.

COUNCIL FIRES, for Girls' Organizations and C.G.I.T.

Order early and in group lots, if possible. It is desirable that every member have her own copy, and keep it, since the information is valuable for reference purposes.

A LIFE OF JESUS, by Basil Mathews, is one of the new books which is enjoying a big sale. Basil Mathews is the author of "The Clash of World Forces," which has been so widely read, and now a Life of Jesus by this able writer is a valuable addition to good books. Price \$2.00.

MIRACLE LIVES OF CHINA, by Jonathan and Rosalind Goforth, is just off the press, and gives in graphic pictures, the stories of converts made among the people of Manchuria, and the effect of Christian work in that marvellous country. Price \$1.25.

THE DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE, recommended for reference use in church libraries, or in homes. Price \$3.75.

GOD IN THE SLUMS, by Hugh Redwood, is a book of modern miracles worked through God's love for the children of the slums. Price 75c.

THREE SERVICES OF DEVOTION, by Edith A. Coulter. These have been printed in response to many demands, and are selling at 15c. each. All, or any part of these might be adapted to programmes. \$1.50 per dozen copies.

The new Mission Band Membership Pin is ready. It is really very nice. Price \$4.00 per 100. 50c. per doz. Single pins 5c. each.

Editor's Note

Our members will have learned with deep sorrow of the death of Dr. Caroline Macdonald, in Victoria Hospital, London, on July 18th. In her memory we hope in the October "Tidings" specially to feature her wonderful record of service in Japan.

Prayer

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we thank Thee for the wonderful opportunities for service Thou hast given us. We thank Thee for the privilege of being co-workers with Thee, and for the joy and satisfaction of soul it brings. Let Thy Holy Spirit guide and direct us in everything we attempt to do for Thee. Help us to be much in prayer and may we work in season and out of season, if only we may hasten the harvest of souls, and more speedily bring in the Kingdom of our God. Give us the faith that will dare great things for Thee, and expect great things from Thee. Now Gracious Father, in deep humility we confess to Thee our sins and shortcomings. Forgive our sins of omission, the deeds we have left undone that we might have done, the words unspoken that we might have said. Forgive our slowness of belief, our want of faith, our poverty in prayer, our neglect of Thy word, and of our duty. These, with the secret sins, which only our own hearts know, we bring to Thy feet, humbly beseeching Thee to remember them against us no more. May we live daily nearer Thee ourselves and ever be ready to stretch out a helping hand to those whom we meet on life's highway. All that we ask is in the name and for the sake of our Lord, and Master, Jesus Christ, to whom we would ascribe all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

YOUNG WOMEN

Suggested Programme on China

BASED ON "THE CHINESE" by MRS. CHRISTIE, OF MUKDEN,
(THE RACES BEYOND SERIES)

Study 1. Based on chapters 1 and 4.

The Historic Background. With special attention to Manchuria. Note the developments which opened the way for missionaries in Manchuria.

Study 2. Based on chapter 6.

Education in China. Note the relationship between missions and education.

Study 3. Based on chapter 7.

China's attitude to-day toward foreign countries. Supplementary reading, *The Clash of World Forces*, by Basil Matthews, chapter 4.

Study 4. Based on chapter 5.

Story of Missions in Manchuria.

Study 5.

Our Missions in Manchuria. Use Study Book, *Over the Seas to China*.

Things to avoid:

Don't have too much paper reading.

Never mind about dates and statistics.

Things to strive for:

Discussion, with all taking part.

To have one member at each meeting responsible for leading discussion.

To stimulate a real desire for missionary information.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

A Message From Your New Secretary

Dear Girls and Leaders:—

AS I enter upon my new duties as Girls' Work Secretary I think of you who are beginning a new season of activity, and bring you greetings as you start the year's work.

Many of you are carrying on the groups which have been broken up during the summer months. For you I wish much joy and profit in the work which you resume. Past experience and a good holiday should do much to help you plan a rich programme which will meet the needs of all the girls and be a constant source of joy and inspiration to the Leader.



Miss Jean A. Cowan

Others, like myself, are venturing forth on a new trail. May yours be a happy adventure disclosing fresh treasure at every turn. Sometimes the way may not be smooth, but remember

... "Gardens are not made
By singing, 'Oh, how beautiful!' and
sitting in the shade."

Many of you have had the wonderful opportunity of going to camp this summer. Please consider it a privilege rather than a duty to share with those less fortunate than yourselves what you can of your camp experiences. Teach your group the songs you learned; show them what you did in handcraft; and give them as many new ideas for the weekly programme as you can.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you before long. To all I wish a very happy year of work and play and worth-while endeavor.

—Jean A. Cowan.

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HAVE you ever stopped to consider that the population of Canada has been made up of just two elements—the original or indigenous inhabitant, the North American Indian, and the newcomer from the British Isles, the European Continent or Asia? For you who constitute this immigrant class, it seems fitting that you become acquainted with those early folk who preceded your forefathers. How did they live? What did they do, think and say? What of their ancestors who with yourselves are now keepers of this land? The story of the Indians and the work of the Church and W.M.S. for these First Canadians is the subject of the 1931-32 Study Book, *Council Fires*, by Mrs. Lereine Ballantyne. You will be especially interested to know that the front cover of the book is the design of a young art student, Stephen Landon, himself an Indian and a graduate of the "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ontario.

Order *Council Fires* in time for your first group meeting and plan a place for it on your programme.

Suggestion for an Impromptu Programme to Introduce Study Book

Group seated around bonfire, fire-place or imitation fire, provided by concealing an electric light bulb beneath covering of red tissue paper and sticks. Introduce subject by Indian song or legend. Discuss contributions of First Canadians to present day life: clothing, food, customs; sport; handicraft; literature and art; characters in history and story; geographical names on map of Canada. This might be carried out as a game after the order of "I pack my trunk" when articles named should be of Indian origin. On the other hand mention should also be made of what was lacking in the Indians' mode of life and how the newcomers were able to supply this. With this preparation, the group is ready to consider the Study Book and to make plans for the use of *Council Fires*. Refreshments: roasted or boiled corn; corn muffins with maple syrup; pop corn; maple fudge. Conclude evening with sing song and service of worship around the fire. Attention is drawn to two series of Indian stories: *The Canadian Magazine*, August number—*Sidelights and Silhouettes* introducing Grey Owl, by Grant Dexter; *Long Rifle and Mountain Man*, figuring the same hero, *Andy Burnett*, by Stewart Edward White, in *Saturday Evening Post*, the latter commencing July 11th.

—M.J.G.

MISSION BANDS

Dear Mission Band President:

OUR new study book, "Big Ships and Little People" is ready, and we hope it will be enjoyed by every Mission Band boy and girl.

The programmes that are outlined are merely a guide, but we do hope that you will make the scripture lesson a special part of your programme. Help the boy and girl to realize that there is as much to be done to-day by boys and girls as in Bible times.

Before starting to plan your lessons, read your book from cover to cover, then draw up your plans for your meetings. Be sure and have the children review the previous lessons. You might have them answer the roll call by responding with some interesting fact.

When by the use of a story you have created the thought, "I should like to be like the person in that story", you have sown a seed that may bring forth a hundred fold in Christian living or in noble leadership. As leaders you have one of the greatest opportunities for the cause of Christ and His kingdom by training our boys and girls in the joy and privilege of Service.

—Ethel M. Adamson,
Assistant Mission Band Secretary.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. D. S. MACKENZIE, 8809, 112TH ST., EDMONTON, PRESS SECRETARY

MR. A. T. KINNAIRD, President Edmonton Presbyterial, gave a full account of the Council in Winnipeg, at the June meeting of the W.M.S. of First Church, Edmonton. The quarterly collection from the Home Helpers, amounting to over \$75.00, was received. Mrs. T. M. Revie, Red Deer, represented this Presbyterial at the Council. Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, visited Red Deer Presbyterial in April. Her addresses at the various Auxiliaries were much enjoyed and an inspiration to all who heard them.

Mrs. R. L. Freeman, Calgary, gave an account of the Council meeting at the Calgary Presbyterial Executive. Miss Armstrong of Grace Church read a paper on the work of Dr. Barnardo, of London, England.

A splendid rally of Calgary Mission Bands was held in Knox Church

in June. Mrs. Woodside of North Hill, presided and Mrs. Dill addressed the children in a most delightful manner.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA P.S.—During June several events took place in Mission circles. The Goforth Mission Band, St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, at their closing meeting to which the W.M.S. and other friends were invited, demonstrated the efficient way in which they could carry out a well prepared programme. A wonderful display of work testified to warm hearts and willing hands. Garments, toys, scrap-books, and dolls will gladden the little Bhil children in India.

A well attended rally of Presbyterian Bands was held in St. Andrew's Church. Rev. H. P. S. Luttrell delighted the children with slides and stories of China. Mrs. Dill, Toronto, Mission Band Secretary, was an honored guest and gave an address which held the attention of her audience from beginning to end.

Miss Violet Cantwell, St. Andrew's C.G.I.T. won a beautiful gold medal given in memory of the late beloved pastor, Dr. Clay, for proficiency in Bible study and S.S. work. The S.S. teachers presented a gold chain for the medal.

The W.M.S. of Knox, Victoria, hold one meeting quarterly in the evening, when the young women employed during the day can attend. A good programme is prepared and the occasion made a social one.

St. Andrew's, Victoria, held a silver tea in connection with a regular meeting, the attendance was large, musical programme good, increase in the expense fund for supply work substantial.

At Alberni, although they have no church building, a small W.M.S. flourishes which met a liberal allocation and sponsors a Mission Band of 20 members.

At Nanaimo a new church is just completed and the W.M.S. are expected to do active work.

The Presbyterial gave a tea at the Empress Hotel, June 30th, with Mrs. Dill of Toronto, and Mrs. MacQueen, of Victoria, as guests of honor.

The Presbyterial recently passed a resolution of regret at the retirement of Mrs. MacQueen, a valued member of the Presbyterial, from her work among the Chinese women in Victoria, a work which cannot be too highly commended. The Chinese Church held a banquet when presentations were made to retiring members of staff. Mrs. MacQueen received a handsome pen and pencil, Miss Lily Chan a beautiful tray. At the final meeting of the Chinese W.M.S., sorrow was manifested at the loss of their leader and president, Mrs. MacQueen.

Victoria Presbyterial appointed a committee of four to confer with

the Presbytery at any time on matters of mutual interest which might arise. It was also arranged to confer with all Auxiliaries in regard to exchange papers, the feeling being that carefully prepared and up to date papers should serve a further purpose than just one reading before a society.

Westminster P.S.—The annual W.M.S. tea was held June 6th, at the home of Mrs. Geo. McKee. An enjoyable afternoon was spent. A most interesting letter from Miss Ellen Douglas, Amkhut, India, was read.

An admirable report of the Council was given at a special meeting of Fairview Auxiliary by Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, Provincial President.

Fairview Mission Band gave a little reception to their parents and friends, June 6th. A short programme was enjoyed after which tea was served.

An interesting event was the closing of the Chinese kindergarten on June 24th. About 150 friends were present. Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, Provincial President, presented 10 little ones with diplomas which means they are now ready for public school. Rev. K. H. Yeung, pastor of the church, spoke to the mothers. Mrs. Louie also said a few words. Altogether it was considered one of the most successful closings. The little ones went away happy, each with a toy balloon and a lollypop. Following the closing a meeting of the Chinese W.M.S. was held with an attendance of fifteen members.

MANITOBA

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BRANDON P.S.—During June, Sectional meetings were held at Neepawa, Hartney and Boissevain. Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Presbyterial President, Miss Lamont, and Mrs. Hamlin, Forrest, attended and delivered excellent addresses. A meeting of special interest was also held at Homefield, about forty were present. Miss Lamont visited all the Auxiliaries in the Presbytery. It is impossible to express the appreciation of her bright and inspiring message, which encouraged many to "carry on" with renewed interest.

First Church Auxiliary, Brandon, was favored at their June meeting when both Mrs. Coulter, of Neepawa, and Miss Lamont were present. As Manchuria was the topic that month, Mrs. Coulter gave a most instructive review of the work there. Miss Lamont spoke on the call to our youth of to-day to serve in the Homeland.

The Bluebird Mission Band, Melita, closed its activities by holding a tea. They had been studying China since Christmas, so tried to carry out the Chinese idea. They did not charge for it, they just wanted to entertain their mothers and the W.M.S. Invitations, written and delivered by the children, were on red paper. The room was decorated with flowers and Chinese lanterns. They had two exhibit tables, one displaying the scrap

books the children had made, and the envelopes containing paper dolls and picture puzzles, the other containing dolls dressed in Chinese clothes, two of them carrying a sedan chair in which a third was riding, and the fourth carrying a red umbrella, to show that the passenger in the chair was an important personage. Two of the girls were in charge of each of the four tea tables, at which they served either Chinese or black tea and cakes. The boys were also present though they did not take an active part. We plan to separate the boys and girls in the fall and have two Mission Bands.

Winnipeg P.S.—"Willing Workers" Mission Band, Knox Church, Selkirk, held their birthday party June 8th. The children provided a delightful programme. The guest speaker was Mrs. Smith of Winnipeg, Mission Band Secretary. Refreshments completed a very happy afternoon.

The Executive had a farewell luncheon in honor of Mrs. Lister, Treasurer, a valued and beloved member of the Executive who is to make her home in Victoria. Mrs. J. S. Flook, on behalf of the members of the Executive, presented Mrs. Lister with a silver rose bowl.

Superior P.S.—The C.G.I.T. girls of Fort William and Port Arthur held an enjoyable camp at Birch Beach in July.

ONTARIO

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ALGOMA P.S.—Miss Pelton, Field Secretary, visited the Presbyterial in June, addressing the different Auxiliaries.

Brockville P.S.—At the annual meeting, Knox Church, Iroquois, encouraging secretarial reports were heard. Mrs. J. R. Hill, Ottawa, was special speaker. A C.G.I.T. demonstration was presented and a song rendered by the Mission Band.

Kingston P.S.—At a meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Picton, June 23rd, Auxiliaries were well represented and good reports heard. Reports of the Council and Provincial meetings emphasized helpful items. Miss Dorothea Druce, Kingston, was appointed Student Secretary. Miss Isobel Hill, Ottawa, spoke on Girls' and Y.W. work.

Lanark and Renfrew P.S. held successful sectional meetings at Wolfstown and Perth. At the latter, Council and Provincial reports were given by Mrs. C. S. Bootes and Mrs. Bertha McEwan. Dr. Margaret O'Hara gave an address.

Lindsay P.S.—The semi-annual meeting, Gamebridge, June 24th, was well attended, reports satisfactory. Mrs. A. W. Talbot spoke on the use of lantern slides and Miss Uren, Uxbridge, gave helpful items from the Provincial meeting. Miss Pelton spoke on "The Significance of our Church's Task in Canada."

North Bay P.S. annual meeting heard good reports, that of C.G.I.T. being especially encouraging. Miss Pelton spoke, afternoon and evening, and installed the officers. Reports on Council and Provincial meetings were given by Mrs. T. Firth, North Bay, and Mrs. J. M. Silliman, Sudbury. A pageant was presented by members of the Y.W.A., C.G.I.T., and Mission Band.

Saugeen P.S.—At a meeting in Harriston, June 29th, Mrs. Honeyman was appointed Student Secretary, and Mrs. McAlister Y.W. and C.G.I.T. Secretary. The resignation of the President, Mrs. R. B. Ledingham, was regretfully received, and Mrs. B. D. Armstrong, Durham, appointed to fill the office. Mrs. Ledingham gave helpful gleanings from the Council.

Rocky Saugeen Auxiliary reports interesting June meeting when papers were read by Misses Mae Bell and Pearl Reay, and Mrs. McQuarrie.

Toronto P.S.—Sectional meetings were held during June at West Hill, Oakville, Milton, St. Paul's Vaughan, Richmond Hill and Agincourt. Mrs. J. Inkster, President, addressed all the meetings. Special attention was given to Young Women's, Home Helper's and Finance Departments. Other speakers were, Mrs. McMillen and Mrs. McKay, Formosa, Mrs. Rhodes, China, Rev. R. J. Koffend, Evangel Hall, Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Mrs. Anna Ross, Toronto.

In June, Knox Aux., Agincourt, had members of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Scarboro, as visitors. Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, Deaconess, East Selkirk, Manitoba, also attended. Mrs. J. A. Brown, Ingersoll, gave an address on the Power of Prayer.

Mrs. Hunter, of British Guiana, spoke at the June meeting of Richmond Hill Auxiliary.

Maple Auxiliary reports 21 of their 31 members are Life Members, their aim is every member a Life Member.

QUEBEC

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QUEBEC P.S. held its semi-annual meeting, June 17th, at Reids Church, Lemesurier. After Secretarial reports were read, Miss R. B. Scott gave an interesting account of the Council meeting at Winnipeg, to which she and Mrs. W. A. Johnston were delegates. Rev. Dr. Gordon brought greetings from the Synod, Mrs. Owen Campbell words of welcome from the Provincial Board. Mrs. Graham of Sherbrooke was elected Secretary of the Y.W. and C.G.I.T. Groups.

The Rev. Mr. Graham gave an interesting address on the "North West and Peace River District." The meeting closed with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Gordon. The next session will be held in Sherbrooke.

SASKATCHEWAN

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PRINCE ALBERT-SASKATOON P.S. held a sectional meeting in Rosetown, over 50 representatives from Auxiliaries in 8 points were present. Mrs. C. Strachan, Kindersley, presided. Notwithstanding the financial depression all departments showed an increase both in numbers and giving. Reports were received from 9 Mission Bands, membership 227, collections \$158.97. Mrs. H. R. Horne, Regina, Provincial President, in her address urged the importance of getting the women and children interested. They must be reached individually through prayer and sympathy. Mrs. R. M. Paterson, Luseland, spoke on "The Shining Trail" from an old Indian legend. Mrs. G. W. Brown, Saskatoon, Presbyterial President, gave much useful information to the delegates, stating that the question of dividing the Presbyterial would be taken up at the September meeting.

Treasurer's report showed receipts to May 31st \$409.74. Balance on hand \$52.90. Mrs. Donald Gibbs, Saskatoon, Treasurer. *Glad Tidings* report by Mrs. Jack Biggar, showed total subscriptions 265. The Literature and Exchange Secretary reported more interest shown in the publications of the W.M.S. Sales amounted to \$13.75. Four papers were sent to a new Auxiliary.

The report of Y.W. and Girls' Organizations showed that Prince Albert has eight Girls' Organizations, one Y.W. Auxiliary and one Girls' Auxiliary. St. Andrew's Girls' Club, North Battleford, has a membership of 24. Melfort Girls' Club, a membership of 27. Saskatoon has five organizations, with a total membership of 84. Tisdale Girl Guides, a membership of 30. A Girls' Auxiliary has recently been organized at Biggar. All these groups seem to be energetic and doing good work. The majority have taken the prescribed study course.

Mrs. C. Strachan, Kindersley, gave a comprehensive report of the Council meeting at St. Andrew's, Saskatoon, June meeting. A paper on National Missions was given by Mrs. G. A. Shade. The paper is being used by Miss Scott of the School Home, for her Y.W. and Girls' Organization. The Mistawasis Auxiliary finds their members all very enthusiastic.

At the June meeting of the Kindersley W.M.S., an interesting talk was given by Mrs. Darke on the work among the Ukrainians in Canada.

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June 30th, 1931

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THANK-OFFERING

THREE women went down the same street to the Thank-offering service. They read the same lesson, sang the same hymns, heard the same message, and laid their envelopes in the same plate. But in the hands of the Ministering Angel the gift of the thankful heart turned to shining gold and went on a large errand; the perfunctory gift of habit became silver, and the one grudgingly given became a little pile of pennies.

And the first woman said at home, "How gloriously the opportunities are enlarging! I am so glad I can help."

And the second said, "It was a very interesting talk."

And the third woman murmured, "Why do the missionaries always tell such uncomfortable things!"

And the first woman gave a Thank-offering, and the second gave an offering, and the third merely added to the collection.

Which shall it be from you and me, the first, or second, or third?

—*Selected.*

EVERY business firm takes stock once a year. Every branch of our W.M.S. should do the same. And now is the time. The summer with all its outdoor joys is past. In its beauty and rest and quiet we have all shared, and, with renewed strength and inspiration, we face the work which has been waiting our return. There never has been a time when the call of our Church and W.M.S. for workers was more urgent. Never a day dawns but some new avenue opens or some unexpected appeal for help comes. The supreme desire of every one who calls herself a Christian should be to serve. The punishment of refusing to work is to find the chance taken away. Some excuse themselves for not taking any part in the work of the Church by saying, "It is hard to know what to do," and they do nothing. Others say, "I am not fitted to be a Sunday School teacher or a leader of little children. I have no time even to be a member." And all God asks of any of us is to do the best we can. We cannot all do the same thing, but we can all do something, and simple faithfulness in little tasks fits us for larger office.

It has been stated that only one-fifth of the women of our Church are

interested in missions, or associated with the W.M.S. The motto of our Society for the year is "Let us advance our missionary trust on our sacrifices not on our surpluses." If, this winter, every woman and girl in our Church would take this as her motto, our Sunday Schools would not require to appeal for teachers, nor our W.M.S. for leaders for the girls and children, for we would be one in a great Forward Movement because we had all agreed to sacrifice some of our time, our talents, our pleasures, our means, ourselves, that lives might be transformed and ennobled and uplifted.

THE whole Church mourns the passing, in Montreal, on August 7th, of Rev. Ephraim Scott, M.A., D.D., Editor of the *Presbyterian Record* for thirty-five years and formerly Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. As was said of the late Dr. James Robertson, so it may be said of Dr. Scott, "Endowed of God with extraordinary talents, entrusted by his Church with unique powers, he used all for the good of his country and the glory of God."

Not of his 'sixteen years' ministry in Nova Scotia, the place of his birth, nor of his travels in Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Turkey, Greece, Continental Europe and Great Britain would we speak but of his literary labors which won him distinction and the affectionate regard of every Presbyterian in Canada.

Three years after his induction in New Glasgow, although pulpit and pastoral duties were exacting, he entered upon his editorial career, by publishing first *The Maritime Presbyterian* and four years later *The Children's Record*. The former was a missionary magazine and the material for it was drawn largely from letters from missionaries lying unused and available to Dr. Scott as a member of the Foreign Missions Committee. For eleven years, monthly and alternating with the *Record*, this paper "fed the fires of missionary zeal in the Maritime Provinces to which area its distribution was confined." *The Children's Record* was the first publication of any kind issued for the young people of our Church. This pioneer work was accomplished without cost to the Church, but rather to its enrichment, all profits being devoted to missions. This publication attained a circulation of 25,000 before it was handed over to the newly formed Board of Sunday School Publications, when it was changed to a weekly paper under the name of *The King's Own*.

In 1891, the Assembly appointed Dr. Scott Editor of the *Presbyterian Record* which had been founded on the union of the four Presbyterian Churches in 1876. This post he held for thirty-five years. During that period the average issue was about 56,000 copies monthly of some 52 pages, making a total issue of over 800,000,000 pages. For seven years after assuming the Editorship of the *Record* Dr. Scott published the Sunday

School lesson helps, leaflets, quarterlies, and teachers' monthly. In 1898 these were handed over to the Sunday Publications, established in Toronto under Dr. R. Douglas Fraser.

In addition to his literary gifts, Dr. Scott possessed decided business ability. The word deficit was not in his vocabulary; the term surplus was, and every publication prospered under his management.

During the Church Union controversy, Dr. Scott published *The Presbyterian Advocate* and numberless pamphlets and leaflets, and later a book entitled *Church Union and the Presbyterian Church in Canada*. To quote his own words when he officially laid down his pen:— "I have been privileged to publish monthly continuously for forty-six years the work of our Church, especially her foreign missions, and in all that time have been kept in health so that there has been no issue, page, or paragraph which has not been personally prepared, selected and edited."

Dr. Scott was an honored servant of the Church, a well-beloved Editor. His long day's task is done. His pen lies silent. But his words will never die for they are enshrined in the hearts of a multitude of people, who with us would offer our tribute of homage and respect to this great master workman.

WORD has just been received of the death, on September 10th, of Miss Hannah Connell, at Tainan, South Formosa. Miss Connell had been a missionary in the Canadian Mission of North Formosa from 1905-1929, and consequently on the staff of the W.M.S. The following resolution gives expression of the high esteem in which she was held.

It is with great sorrow that the members of the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, have learned of the death of Miss Hannah Connell, who, since going as one of the pioneer women missionaries to the Presbyterian Mission in North Formosa, has given of her best to the people of Formosa.

As teacher in the Women's School, Tamsui, her influence has been far-reaching in its effect on the home life of those who were privileged to receive from her teaching, a knowledge of Christian ethics, and as teacher of music in the Girls' School, she came in close touch with the young life of the Mission, setting before them the highest ideal of Christianity.

Her kindly, gentle disposition, her devotion to her chosen work, her unceasing interest in, and endeavor for the greatest good of those with whom she came in contact, endeared her, not only to Formosans, but to all those associated with her in missionary work.

The Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society would place on record their tribute to her long and faithful Christian service, and would extend their deep and sincere sympathy to the members of her family, and to her missionary colleagues.

THE 1930 Annual Report is out. It is the largest issued since 1925. This is a healthy sign for it indicates not only growth in the volume of the work but also increase in the number of branches. This book is issued for the information of our members and, at least, one meeting a year should be devoted to it.

The allocation is as follows: 3 to each Auxiliary, Young Women's Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary; 1 to each Associate Society; 1 for the use of the different Girls' Organizations in each church; 1 for each Mission Band. Copies also go to the officers of the Council Executive, Provincial and Presbyterial Boards and to all our missionaries. While copies are sent for the use of the President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Auxiliary, the intention is that these are to be circulated among the members. Should there be any copies after the allocation is met, they may be obtained at our Publications Office at 25c. each.

FOR the information of those who may wonder why there are only seven members of the W.M.S. on the Assembly's Board of Missions instead of ten as formerly, we make the following explanation. The General Assembly in June decided that in the interest of economy the number of members on the Board of Missions should be reduced. The membership at that time numbered 27, exclusive of the Conveners of Synods, Committees and the Secretary. The decision of the Assembly was that, hereafter it consist of 18 members, plus the Synods Conveners, and that the representatives of the W.M.S., at present numbering 13, be reduced to 9, *viz.*, 7 from the Western Division and 2 from the Eastern.

Outgoing Missionaries Under the W.M.S.

TO Formosa: Miss Isabel Taylor, sailed from Vancouver, *Empress of Asia*, August 29th.

W.M.S. Missionaries on Furlough

From India: Miss Christine Maxwell.

Missionaries Under the Church who have Returned to Their Fields

To Formosa: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mackay and three children, sailed from Vancouver, *Empress of Asia*, August 29th.

To Manchuria: Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Goforth sailed from Vancouver, *Empress of Canada*, May 23rd.

Rev. Allan and Mrs. Reoch sailed from Vancouver, *Empress of Canada*, September 12th.

Missionaries Home on Furlough

From India: Gwalior Field—Rev. A. and Mrs. Hawtin.

Miss A. Caroline Macdonald, B.A., LL.D.

*"Through love to light! Oh, wonderful the way
That leads from darkness to the perfect day
Through love to light! Through light, O God, to Thee."*

INTO this light and the fullness of the joy of her Lord, Miss A. Caroline Macdonald, M.A., LL.D., passed on July 18th, in the Victoria Hospital, London, Ont., and across two continents there swept a sudden sense of loss for to a multitude in Canada and Japan, "a great leader had passed, a wonderful friend had gone from sight." We cannot bear to hear her spoken of as dead. She was so vibrant, so much a part of life, and, to our finite minds, so sorely needed. As was said of another great leader, so we would say of Caroline Macdonald: "Not for her the Dead March in Saul, stately though the music be, rather the Hallelujah Chorus, rising from a thousand throats." A woman such as Caroline Macdonald should "go in triumph from a rejoicing church, and we who remain should greet one another with the *Sarsum Corda*:"

Lift up your hearts—

We lift them up unto the Lord."

With ancestors the embodiment of courageous daring and independence of spirit, it can easily be seen that the love of freedom and fair play—the spirit of independence and daring statesmanship which never fails to attract and challenge—was Caroline Macdonald's God-given inheritance.

Caroline Macdonald was the daughter of Doctor Peter Macdonald and Mrs. Macdonald, of Wingham, Ontario. Her father was for many years a trusted physician of the people in the town and surrounding country. He was also a member of Parliament, and deputy Speaker of the House of Commons from 1901 to 1904. Later he was appointed Postmaster in London, a position he retained until his death. In the lovely little town of Wingham, Caroline Macdonald was born, and there she received her early education, later going to the University of Toronto, from which she graduated with honors in mathematics and physics in 1901.

Impelled by an overmastering desire to make her life count for others, she dedicated her mind and personality to the service of God. Her inherent love of freedom became a religious passion, expressing itself in behalf of the less advantaged.

Her first service was as Secretary in the Ottawa Y.W.C.A. In 1903,



Dr. Caroline Macdonald

she became Travelling Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, later being chosen National Secretary of Canada for the Y.W.C.A. Some twenty-eight years ago she went to Japan in the interest of the welfare of young women, in answer to a very definite request which had come from the wives of some of the missionaries in Japan to the World's Committee of the Y.W.C.A., for a worker who would establish regular association activities in that country. Tokyo was chosen as the headquarters, as a number of students gathered there and among them would be the future teachers and leaders. In time the work extended beyond the confines of Tokyo and beyond the lives of the students whom Miss Macdonald had greatly benefited by the establishment of Christian hostels. Yet with the extending of the work care was always taken that the Japanese viewpoint, not the western, be considered. As a result, a Japanese National Association grew up, and it was a day of real rejoicing to Miss Macdonald when a native young woman, Miss Kawai, was appointed joint National Secretary.

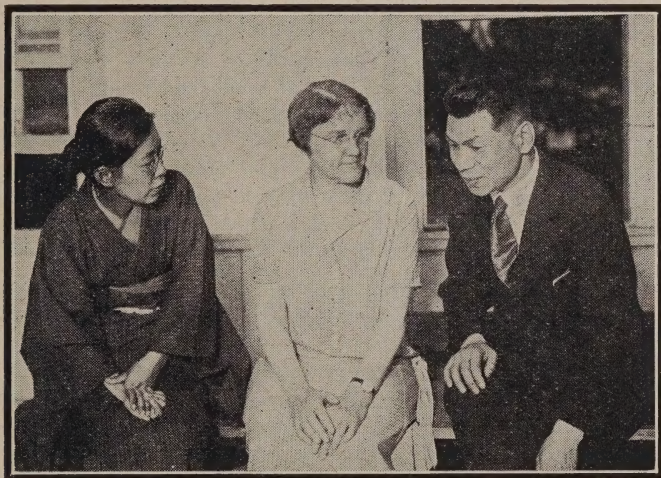
Then a tragedy occurred in Tokyo which brought Miss Macdonald into contact with men in the prisons and later with their families and friends and changed the whole course of her life. Joining the staff of the Women's College in Tokyo, she gave half her time to her prison work and, for a time, half to teaching. The prison work rapidly developed into Social Service which attracted the attention of Japanese officials, winning their approval, and resulting in the establishment of settlement work in the most congested district in Tokyo, where at the time of the earthquake great help was rendered to the refugees.

This work made Miss Macdonald famous, for it spread out into a great social service work among the people and their families. It led to the establishment of night schools for girls in industry, a most remarkable piece of pioneer work; to the bringing about, through Japanese management, of various changes in the care and service for convicted persons both in prison and on their return to society; to preventive work for delinquent children and the establishment of a juvenile court.

While engaged in this unique prison service there was placed in Miss Macdonald's hands, by the author, the life story of the man who was awaiting the execution of the death sentence, in Tokyo prison. Miss Macdonald published it in Japanese, exactly as it was written and, at the request of a prison official, translated it into English. His reasons for asking this were illuminating. He said: "Much is said nowadays about the difficulties of mutual understanding between the East and the West. Ideals are different, customs are different, the background of life and history is different, and we face an impasse. Educated people, it is said, may approximate in thought and outlook, but for the people at large the case is hopeless. And while this is being said, we have had in this very prison an example to the contrary. A man, uneducated, steeped in crime, condemned to death for murder, waiting daily for the unescapable end to

which his crimes have brought him, is touched by one of another nation, and a woman at that, with traditions and history and education as different from his as night is from day; but the universal message of the love of God flashes across the gulf of human differences and the man's soul responds. I want your people also to know this story, because it illustrates from real life, and beyond the shadow of doubting, the fact that underneath all the superficial differences that separate us, we are one in the depths of suffering and sorrow and sinning, and in the heights of love and sympathy and God."

John Kelman, D.D., who wrote the foreword for this book, called it, "one of the world's greatest stories" and suggested that it be entitled,



Miss Fugila, a graduate of one of Japan's women's colleges, and head of the Night School for Girls in Industry, Dr. Caroline Macdonald and one of the Labor Union Leaders.

"A Gentleman in Prison". Dr. Kelman closes his foreword with the following striking paragraph. Referring to this man, whom he terms, "one of God's aristocrats", he says, "Most touching of all and most arresting is his frequently repeated estimate of the faith and character of Christians. No Christian, he tells us, is ever afraid of death. Christians, as he conceives them, are people who always live up to the highest principles of Christ, and whose thought and conduct are ever worthy of His loftiest ideals. The only Christians he had ever known were the two women who told him of Jesus in his cell." These two women were Miss Macdonald and her friend, Miss West.

Next in importance to the work among the prisoners was the establishment of night schools for girls in industry—an entirely new

field of mission work in Japan. It began thus: In 1924, during a strike in one of the textile factories in Tokyo, Miss Macdonald allowed the 150 girls on strike to hold meetings at her settlement, and, because she taught them homely accomplishments and provided classes for study at that time, she had under her care, up to the time of her death, a night school of large proportions with branch schools in five different factory groups. The hope of the leaders was to enlarge the curriculum so that it would equal that of the ordinary high school. In conducting this school Miss Macdonald gave working girls an opportunity for education, but carrying with it the teachings of Christ. She translated into action the principles taught by Him. Last year a club was formed to keep the ex-students interested in studying and in improving themselves. For the post-graduates a class for instruction in English, in elementary law and in economics was started. These advanced students were active in the Labor Movement and felt the need of some fundamental knowledge of these subjects. By her interest in Japanese women Miss Macdonald brought them consolation and enlightenment. As a result they realize their own intrinsic value, economically and otherwise. The problem which remained was, according to Miss Macdonald, to see that they understand the spiritual value of life as well, and this not for their own sakes alone but for the sake of building up the Kingdom of God on earth.

During these years of service, many and varied honors have come to Miss Macdonald. From the Emperor of Japan, she received the Sixth Order of the Sacred Treasure, and, in 1924, the Department of Justice presented her with a gold cup, accompanied by a certificate, bearing on the top the Imperial crest, a gold chrysanthemum, and at the lower left corner the signature and large red seal of the Minister of Justice. The wording gave expression to the appreciation felt for her labors of the past ten years, special mention being made of her prison work, her share in the Juvenile Court, and—most wonderful—"for spreading the Gospel of God." On the enthronement of the present Emperor, she was one of six foreigners to receive a silver cup, given for distinguished service to industry, commerce, immigration and colonization. On being accorded this honor, Lord Willingdon, Governor-General of Canada, cabled the congratulations of the Canadian Government to Miss Macdonald. In 1929, she was asked by the Labor Delegate from Japan to the Labor Conference in Geneva to accompany him as interpreter and adviser. In 1925, her own alma mater, the University of Toronto, conferred upon her the degree of LL.D., the first woman to receive that honor. Her presentation brought forth the priceless encomium from Professor Maurice Hutton:

"If any follow her they will not win it in a field more honorable or more feminine. She has won the right to be here by her life work as a missionary."

Her church in Japan likewise honored her and she enjoyed the distinction of being an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Tokyo. But perhaps the decoration she prized most highly was a copper sen (one-half cent) bequeathed to her in a formal will, as his sole earthly possession, by a noted criminal whom she was instrumental in leading, before his execution, into the Peace of God.

Of the final honor Miss Macdonald did not know, for, before word had been received in Japan of her death, the Japanese Government had sent to her through the Minister to Canada, Mr. Tokgawa, a pair of silver vases—as a “sick bed gift”—in “appreciation of her meritorious service.”

Miss Macdonald's work was interdenominational and received support from both the United Church and the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The \$2,000.00 annual grant from our W.M.S. supported the night schools.

The funeral service was held on July 20th in the Presbyterian Church, Wingham, where as a child and young girl she had worshipped, and with which she was identified to the end of her life. Here gathered the representatives of the Presbyterian Church, the United Church, University classmates, fellow missionaries, and those who had known her from her earliest years. The Presbyterian W.M.S. was represented by Miss Bessie MacMurchy and Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Vice-Presidents, Mrs. W. A. J. Martin, former Secretary for Japan, and Miss Mamie C. G. Fraser, Editor.

Rev. John Pollock, Whitechurch, Moderator of the Presbytery of Maitland, was in charge of the impressive service, and Rev. Kenneth Maclean, minister of the church, preached the sermon. The Scripture was read by Rev. John McNair, London, and prayer was offered by Rev. E. A. Armstrong, D.D., Foreign Mission Secretary of the United Church. Brief addresses were given by Miss Bessie MacMurchy, representing the Presbyterian W.M.S.; Dr. D. Norman, of Japan, a United Church missionary; Rev. D. J. Davidson, of India, a class-mate; Rev. W. Rochester, D.D., Editor of the *Presbyterian Record*; and Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, D.D., Guelph, representing the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Many and beautiful were the tributes to her memory, that of Rev. D. J. Davidson, of India, a member of the class of 1901, at the University of Toronto, of which Miss Macdonald was a member, being most impressive. “The flower of her class,” he called her. “That great internationalist”, and, the most beautiful of all, “The White Angel of Tokyo”—the term applied to her by a Japanese student who visited Canada.

To her mother, sisters and brother we offer our deep sympathy and in gratitude to God for her life and work we lay upon her grave this tribute of our affection and admiration. She rests yonder in the little cemetery in Wingham, but

“One so truly great can never die
But lives and loves and serves to all eternity.”

—Mamie C. G. Fraser.

Caroline Macdonald

An Appreciation

MRS. DANIEL STRACHAN

WITH a heart filled with gratitude for her life and work, and for the privilege of calling her my friend, I write this appreciation of Caroline Macdonald.

I think of her and her life work as I saw it when in Japan. I went with her one morning to one of the large prisons where she carried on her work. I looked out the window and there I saw the prisoners in their prison garb being marched around the yard for exercise, while armed guards stood by, and I thought, these are the men whom presently Caroline Macdonald will visit and talk with in their cells—desperate men, most of them, whom she will lead and influence and change, men who will call her friend.



Miss Macdonald and her right hand man, Mr. Yumada, standing at the door of the House of Friendliness.

When we came back to her settlement I saw her with another piece of work, which grew from her prison work—the care of the families of prisoners. The wife of one of the prisoners and her twin babies came to seek advice and help. The babies were bathed and dressed in fresh clothing, the mother was cheered and

given sufficient help to get to her family home.

Then came the evening and the weekly prayer meeting at which Miss Macdonald always spoke herself. To this came the girls from her night school and some ex-pupils. Across from me sat a man just out of prison. There were also present several boys on probation from the juvenile court and other ex-prisoners.

That night she and I lingered for a talk after the rest of the household had retired. When we finally were going upstairs, I remarked that she had not locked the front door. "This door is never locked," she replied, "and if you lock it now you will be locking in the burglars

instead of locking them out, for upstairs there are six men sleeping who just came out of prison to-day. This is the 'House of Friendliness'."

Another evening I saw her in the Night School for the Girls in Industry and heard from her the story of the lives of many of them. Another evening I saw her go to address a meeting of one of the large Labor Unions where she spoke, at their request, on the principles of the Christian religion.

My thoughts go back also to a Sabbath morning service which I attended with her in a Presbyterian Church in Tokio, where she was an elder, the only foreigner in the congregation.

The esteem in which she was held by rich and poor, by the influential and the outcast was remarkable. She had thoroughly established herself in Japan, loved it and its people and had made herself part of it. She had identified herself thoroughly with everything in Japan and had made her friends among the Japanese, spoke their language like a native and was well acquainted with its history. So her work was a very real part of Japanese life and was not something laid on. The tribute paid to her by all the men I met impressed me greatly, especially when you consider who those men were, judges, lawyers, ministers, financial men, bankers and business men. One man said "She has interpreted other nations rightly to us," and Dr. Ozawa, Chairman of her Board, spoke of her as "An ambassador from Canada to Japan, the best kind of ambassador that could be sent." Her opinion seemed to count for so much with them all, in fact they treated her as one of themselves.

However else she may be known and with whatever honors she may have been crowned, it will be as an outstanding Christian missionary that she will be remembered by the two Canadian Churches who supported her work and the people in Japan whom she served.

Caroline Macdonald was indeed a friend of publicans and sinners, and now in that house of many mansions we like to think of how much at home she will be with her Master and Saviour and with the ransomed and redeemed for whom He died.

A Memorial Service in Toronto

IN Knox College Chapel, on Sunday, September 27th, a beautiful memorial service was held for Dr. Caroline Macdonald, by her Class (1901) of the University of Toronto. The address was given by Honorable N. W. Rowell. At this service the Japanese Consulate, in Ottawa, was represented, and Mrs. Marler representing the Canadian Commissioner in Japan, was also present.

The Memorial Service in Tokyo

WE have just returned from the memorial service which was held here this afternoon for Caroline. I wish you could have been with us. It is not possible for one to imagine with what dignity and impressiveness the Japanese carried out the ceremony. The church, which seats 800 people, was packed. In front of the pulpit a beautifully enlarged portrait of Caroline in cap and gown was placed, draped with black silk, surrounded by wreaths of lovely flowers. We did try to have as few flowers as possible, but in spite of our efforts there was a magnificent and costly display. Many people came before and after the ceremony to bow to the portrait, so that many more than 800 paid their respects to-day. As they entered the church and in leaving they bowed to the portrait with a dignity and a reverence that was most impressive, people representing society from the highest to the most humble all there to pay tribute to her memory.

Many of her friends, foreign and Japanese, who had left town, returned yesterday for the service.

Mr. Tagawa was in the chair. The speakers were Mr. Takakura, the minister of the church, his assistant, Mr. Okada, Mr. Motoji. Messages of sympathy were received and read out from the Home Minister, Minister of Justice, Labor Party, the Women's Spinning Guild, several of the Universities and Women's Colleges. Thirty-eight telegrams from various towns throughout Japan were received and one from Mr. Soyo in Manchuria. Judge Miyaki and his family were present, Mr. Matsuoka and his family, the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs and Mrs. Nagai, also Mrs. Kishi, the four Governors of the Tokyo prisons. Five Buddhist priests came and afterwards remarked how much they were impressed by the service. Dr. Keenlyside, Chargé-d'Affaires of the Canadian Legation, was also present.

The service was all in Japanese and lasted two hours. Three hymns were sung, "Nearer My God to Thee", "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", the other I did not know. Dr. McKenzie made his address in English.

The summer has been very wet and cold. To-day was our first summer-like day. The church was cool and looked restful in the afternoon sunlight. The whole scene was most impressive.

—JOAN BYAS,

*Wife of the Managing Editor
of the Japan Advertiser.*

A later letter contains this sentence:

"Numerous floral tributes filled the chancel of the church. Outstanding were two magnificent wreaths made of choice flowers, sent by thousands of the inmates, men and women, of some of the largest of Japan's prisons, and paid for by subscription taken up by the prisoners themselves."—EDITOR.

Tributes to Dr. Caroline Macdonald

(ABRIDGED)

Messages from Friends

"MOST deeply deplore Miss Macdonald's death. Hers was a beautiful, useful and Christian life."—*Sir William Mulock, Toronto.*

"A very noble life is now safe and complete. God is not the God of the dead but of the living."—*Principal Cairns, Aberdeen, Scotland.*

"Caroline Macdonald's life has been and will continue to be an inspiration to Young Women's Christian Association workers everywhere. Personally I feel a great debt of gratitude to her and with many others feel anew the challenge of her life to unselfish service."—*Annie Gray Keith, Ottawa.*

"Dr. Caroline Macdonald was one of the women who has brought honor to the Christian Church and to her own native land. Her name will stand high among those of the good women who have won their life by losing it for others."—*Sir Robert A. Falconer, Toronto.*

"Judged by achievement, Miss Macdonald has lived a long and full life and that achievement the finest of all achievements, uplifting and blessing the lives of others."—*Hon. N. W. Rowell, Toronto.*

"Miss Macdonald served our Lord Jesus Christ through all these years with unflinching faithfulness and conspicuous fruitfulness. We may only faintly comprehend the rapture with which she, with unclouded eyes, now sees her Lord, and the joy into which she now enters in His presence."—*Dr. A. G. McPhedran, Toronto.*

"In the country to whose people she was so devoted she will be mourned by hundreds whose lives have been enriched by contact with her personality. At the request of Mrs. Reiko Koga I wired some flowers to London. She is one of the two Japanese women resident in Montreal. She was a pupil of Miss Macdonald in Tsuda College many years ago, and, when she heard of Miss Macdonald's death, asked me to send a message for her."—*Margaret R. Macnaughton, Westmount, Que.*

"I don't think we have ever known anyone who had such an immense enthusiasm and whole-hearted devotion to the work to which she so willingly gave her talents and her life. She has gone to her rest leaving a very loving and helpful memory behind her."—*Charles S. Macdonald, Toronto.*

"The *Times* to-day gives notice of the passing of that honored hand-maid of the Lord, Miss Caroline Macdonald, and in my honor for her I feel I *must* write *someone*," was the message that came to a friend of Miss Macdonald's from Bishop Southampton, first Anglican Bishop of Japan.

From Co-workers

"I was one of Miss Macdonald's underlings in the Tokyo Y.W.C.A. 1911-1914. It was great to have had her as a Chief for those three years. She was so true, so big and loving and humorous. She taught me many things about the Christian way of life and work I should never have known otherwise.—*Mrs. Ewen R. V. Barclay, Hoddesdon, Herts, England.*

"We have known Dr. Macdonald for many years as we went to Japan in 1902, and she in 1903. She was a great woman and did a unique work in Japan. Her unflinching good humor, combined with rare intellectual ability and fervent devotion to the work of Christ among the forgotten and the condemned, gave her work exceptional significance. It is hard to think that she will no longer be among us with her message of hope and love for 'those about to die.' She will be greatly missed in many circles in Japan."—*Dr. C. J. L. Bates, Missionary from Japan.*

"My friendship with Miss Macdonald lasted for more than 20 years and during this time I visited her home in London, Canada, several times. I will always remember the care and attention which she gave me in 1917 when I was put in prison for writing an article to which the authorities objected. This was a serious event for me but Miss Macdonald visited me many times and even cared for my family, doing everything possible for us. She did more for me even than my own relatives and the incident was reported abroad She was very kind, sympathetic, active and paid great attention to details. She thought good and did good. I was much moved by her work and counted her as one of my friends for life. I had no other such friend, even among the Japanese."—*Mr. Tagawa, at the Memorial Service in Tokyo.*

"Caroline Macdonald's name has always remained with us as one of the most devoted Secretaries who have ever represented us as National Secretary in the Far East. How much our whole work there must have owed to those first ten years of deep Christian work and wise guidance, none of us will ever be able to judge. We thank God from the depth of our hearts for her, for her faith and love, and perhaps above all for the single heartedness which always made our Lord Jesus Christ and His work the centre of her life."—*Miss Una M. Saunders, Vice-President, World's Y.W.C.A.*

Official Tributes

"Miss Caroline Macdonald's meritorious services in Japan in connection with social work particularly as Christian prison worker are greatly valued. We sincerely regret that we lost such a faithful public worker as Miss Macdonald."—*Minister of Justice, Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tokyo, Japan.*

"When I was informed the other day that Miss Macdonald returned to Canada due to illness I could not repress my surprise and grief. I was always praying to God and believed that she could recover her health by virtue of your fair, venerable and lineal affection. I now hear with the profoundest sorrow that she has at length succumbed to sickness. All Japanese, official and private, equally have deep sense of gratitude for the self-sacrificing effort which she gave to the protection of ex-prisoners and other social work in Japan about thirty years. A letter of thanks and a token of gratitude was presented her by our Ministers of the concerned Departments, Justice, Home Affairs and Foreign Affairs, which will show forever how deeply Japanese is thanking for her great Services."—*Dr. Shinkuma Notoji, Department of Justice, Tokyo, Japan.*

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"Dr. Macdonald was a woman of striking personality, who was never daunted by a situation with which she was faced. About fifteen years ago she spent some time in this country studying theology under Dr. Cairns, and she was a prominent speaker at Student Movement Conferences in Great Britain. Dr. Macdonald was an Elder of the Japanese Presbyterian Church in Tokyo."—*British Weekly.*

"The extraordinary results achieved by Miss Macdonald's quiet spirit of Christian fellowship with those of whom every one else had abandoned hope have been made widely known, by 'A Gentleman in Prison,' the diary of a Japanese murderer whose life was transformed as a result of Miss Macdonald's influence. This book has passed through many editions in Japan and in translation in this country and the United States. Though this was one of the more spectacular of the achievements of this devoted lady, there have been hundreds of the most degraded in the prison population of Japan who owe to her the deepest debt of gratitude. She was in close touch with every official in Japanese criminal administration, from judges to gaolers, and in 1923 she started a settlement home in Tokyo to which delinquent boys were sent on probation by the Courts. In 1930 she handed over this settlement to her Japanese colleagues, for all her missionary and social work was done in the fullest spirit of co-operation, and she never wished to be the missionary leader dictating to others."—*The London Times.*

"Miss Macdonald's single-handed influence has certainly brought about a change in the general attitude toward prisoners. Her sympathy for them knew no limits and one would never admit that any human being was beyond reform. She detested cruelty with all her soul and was convinced of the importance of kindness as an agent in reform. She was of too robust an intelligence to admit that criminals should be held irresponsible or that crime should not be punished, but she held that punishment failed if it ended

as mere chastisement and was not directed towards the redemption of the criminal. Though she leaves no buildings or a great organization behind her, she has planted here a living seed which has taken root and will permanently influence a part of the life of this country.'—*Japan Times*.

Problems in Japan and Their Solution

MISS CAROLINE MACDONALD, B.A., LL.D.

This article was written by Miss Macdonald for our Japanese number, and is probably the last article she wrote.—Editor.

IT is almost exactly a year since I returned to Japan after having been absent practically the same length of time. It is only when one has been absent for a time that one notices how many changes occur and it seemed as if everything had happened while I was gone. But of those things I need not write. One cannot catch time either by the tail or the forelock so we shall let the fleeting year go on its way.

I look at certain events with a biased outlook. My work thrives on calamity. Unemployment is increasing and during the winter and even now thousands of men in the city are out of work, with no help but the casual work which the brighter ones are able to pick up. The government has established cheap eating houses here and there in the needier parts of the city, but otherwise has made no constructive attempt to cope with the situation. The Salvation Army which is always to the fore in practical and immediate help, has rented a number of river barges that were tied up on account of the business depression, moored them to the bank of the great river that divides Tokyo in half, and with but little expense turned them into sleeping places for homeless men. The men lie on a coarse matting on the floor and have no covering. They are not cold it is said; they are packed in like sardines and the body heat keeps them warm. Other places throughout the city are being used temporarily for free lodging places, among them our own erstwhile Settlement building where a number of unfortunates—mostly ex-prisoners—are being housed when need requires it. It is one thing to have "no where to lay one's head" in a tropical climate and quite another in the midst of a particularly severe winter such as the one that we have just passed through in Tokyo. That anyone in this world should have no where to lay his head but illustrates the fact that most of us know already, that "something is rotten in the state of Denmark". The Kingdom of God will not come in this world while such conditions exist no matter how many evangelistic meetings we may carry on.

Added to our usual responsibility for providing work for ex-prisoners we have been obliged to look after a large number of others as well. Since last summer we have been providing men with certain small wares that

they may sell as they walk about the streets looking for a real job; and during these difficult and cold months we have given the equivalent of a day's work to more than 1,600 persons. To be able to give work no matter how temporary is better than giving charity. With a package of needles or other small wares to sell we hand them back their self-respect as well.

Many a man has said to us, "We are now able to pay for a night's lodging and sleep under a roof". Think of being thankful to sleep under a roof. Should thankfulness be compelled to go such lengths as that? Men have peddled their way instead of begging it back to their homes in the country, where at any rate they can get food to eat.

When one views unemployment from the standpoint of the unemployed (who if not soon provided for will become unemployable as well) one sees that the first person to be refused or lose his job is the man who has been in prison. The next one is the man without a trade, whether he be the white collar type who has graduated from a university and can do no useful thing with his hands; or the helpless wanderer who has never learned anything either with his hands or his head. This type whether collared or collarless cumber the earth at times of unemployment. Then as business depression increases even the men with a trade may have to go; but somehow or other in the scramble for jobs that ensue when jobs are scarce the man who has learned to turn his hand to one piece of work can turn it to another. There is a school of thought—or was—that contends that education is not intended to help a man to earn a living but to live a life. This may be true and, if so, so much the worse for the system of education and the people who are its victims. That theory was propounded when conditions of life were not so difficult as they are to-day. I view the problem from the standpoint of the strenuous effort I need to make to help a man earn a living for himself and his dependents and trust that in the making of it he will learn to live a life as well.

The labor world is naturally restless and afraid that conditions will get worse and not better. Factories are shutting down or decreasing the number of their workmen or, in some cases replacing them by women where the type of work permits. The working woman, who is of course negligible in numbers when compared with the men, is not so badly off as her brother. She is a cheaper product of labor and can be used—on account of her cheapness—when the men are turned off. This is not a matter for congratulation but the reverse.

And yet the strain bears heavily on the women and girls in another way. Girls' schools, whether night schools for working girls like our own, or schools of higher learning, feel the economic strain in the decreasing number of girls applying for admission. The principal of a Women's College said to me not long ago that only two of the 90 girls who were

graduating from the school would obtain teaching posts. In better days practically the whole number would be provided for.

It is with a good deal of perseverance that the group of working girls with whom you are familiar still gather five nights of the week to study with their no less faithful teachers. At the moment when I write a group of girls who have been working in a factory which manufactures celluloid toys are out on strike, for the reason it is said, that the management wishes to close the factory down and the employees are trying to keep it open. Just how a strike can bring about the desired result is difficult to guess; but at any rate we have been asked to help fill their long and probably fruitless waiting hours by useful employment and we have sent a teacher down for three mornings a week. Anything that can be done to hearten them is surely worth while. Misfortunes always come to the already unfortunate.

Prisons flourish as usual. It requires a good deal of imagination on the part of those who do not know what a prison means to realize the amount of work it requires to visit four prisons as often as one can, to see as many of the inmates as possible within the limits bounded by inexorable time, to visit the needy families involved, wives who have new babies and perhaps half a dozen others in various stages of adolescence, others with neither visible nor invisible means of support, mothers who may starve for all the men in prison can do to help them; and the hundred and one other things that one must do to help the needy. And there remains the problem of employment for the men when they return to ordinary life and the ever present and still more fundamental problem of keeping them on the straight and narrow path and braced up and encouraged. This all requires the personal attention of myself and my two faithful and capable co-workers, Mr. and Mrs. Yamada.

In the larger world about us Japan has not been idle. When other excitements fail us we can always produce an earthquake which we did last autumn to the consternation of all concerned. Luckily for us who live in Tokyo, the centre of the earthquake was to the south of us and did us no greater harm than wakening us up rather rudely in the middle of the night and reminding us that we were mortal. Japan is a country of calamities both natural and manufactured. She distinguished herself internationally by her attitude at the Peace Parley in London and when the treaty was signed by the authorities here, the Prime Minister was struck down by a would-be assassin—a reactionary and one hundred per cent. Japanese. Fortunately the Premier was not killed although very severely wounded and it was only the other day, five months after the accident that he appeared for the first time in Parliament, his former leonine face pale and emaciated but with fire in his eye as of yore.

During this year's Parliament several bills of special interest have

been brought before the House, one to give the municipal vote to women of 25 years of age and over, and the other to legalize Trade Unions. The first bill is being opposed by the advanced women because it does not go far enough and give the federal vote as well. It is only three years ago since manhood suffrage was given in Japan and the women are coming on apace. The latter bill is opposed by everyone, capital and labor alike; by labor because it restricts labor in their opinion, and by capital because in their opinion it gives labor too much liberty. Both are government bills and will probably pass through the Lower House but are practically sure to be defeated in the Upper House. Upper Houses all over the world usually play true to form. It is only a matter of time, however, until both bills, either in their present form or improved will become law; and the world of Japan at any rate will wonder what all the fuss has been about when the tumult and the shouting dies.

And so it ever is. Reforms are brought about because ideas are greater than men and the world looks forward. Times of discouragement and darkness come to most of us but the path of life goes clear through both light and darkness, for light and darkness are both alike to God.

It is good of you all to stand behind the work that I am trying to do out here. I wish you would think of it all as one, an effort to translate into ordinary deeds the spirit of Him who came that all might have an abundant life.

Mission Work Among the Koreans in Japan

THE NEED AND HOW WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO MEET IT

REV. L. L. YOUNG

THERE are at present in Japan over five hundred thousand Koreans. They are to be found in every city, town and countryside in the land. The majority, however, are living in the large manufacturing cities where work may be most easily secured. In Osaka, Japan's largest commercial centre, there are over 80,000 of them.

Long residence in Japan brings about many changes in the Koreans and generally speaking these changes are not for the better. It could hardly be otherwise. Here they are away from home and clan ties and anything they may do is not likely to reach the ears of their home folk. Then, too, because of their poverty, they usually locate in the city slums where house rents are cheap. Slum life soon leaves its baneful impress upon them and in a few years the quiet farm bred Korean lad has drifted far from his former moorings. The spirit of lawlessness so characteristic of this age, is at home among the Koreans here too. Away

from their own country without money or friends in the hard struggle for existence the average Korean laborer is faring badly.

The need for mission medical work among them is very great. Japanese doctor's fees are high and fearing the expense the Korean will frequently delay calling the doctor until it is too late to do any good. A Korean Christian physician and Korean nurse would be a wonderful help and also through them a very desirable link between our Christian workers and the non-Christians would be established. There is no mission work so fruitful in preparing the way for the Gospel message as the medical work. We hope the day is not far distant when we can have at least one Korean doctor and nurse for the work among the Koreans in Osaka.

There is only one true remedy for Korean ills. When thinking of the Koreans we find ourselves frequently using the words of our Lord in Luke 19:42. "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things that belong unto thy peace." There are, happily, many exceptions to the general rule among them, many who are doing well in business and not a few who are living good Christian lives; but as one visits the squalid homes and hears the sad tales of vice and sin one longs for the Son of Righteousness to do a mighty work of grace among them. Social service, assistance for the poor, and medical work, good as these are in themselves, alone are without avail. Nothing but the supernatural manifestations of God's grace in the heart can meet the need. For this outpouring of His free Spirit in revival power we hope and pray.

The aim in all our work is to make Jesus in His saving power known to all the Koreans. In doing this we find special evangelistic meetings profitable. In these we frequently use the magic lantern and find that it never fails to attract a non-Christian audience. The work of the Holy Spirit is frequently manifest in these meetings and sinners become anxious enquirers. House to house visitation preaching and distributing tracts is the most difficult as well as the most effective kind of evangelistic work. In this kind of work the very apparent awfulness of sin and its consequences is almost overwhelming, and nothing but confidence in our mighty Saviour will keep one at the task. In face of the need we are so helpless and anything we can do so inadequate that without His abiding presence we soon tire and go home to rest and forget. But He came to save the lost and praise His name we find He does.

The children's Sunday School work we are finding very encouraging. In 1928, we had 19 such schools with an average attendance of 488 pupils. In 1930, we find we have 29 and an attendance of 987 pupils. The Sunday School Association of Korea puts out a lot of very good

literature and our schools are all using it. The Sunday School picture rolls and cards sent us by various churches and friends in Canada are also greatly appreciated. Wherever there are Korean homes, Sunday Schools are easily started and these we are soon able to follow up with regular church services. We could quickly dot Japan from one end to the other with Korean Sunday Schools if we could only secure the teachers to go around.

Our first Daily Vacation Bible School was held during the summer of 1929. In 1930, we had 24 held in as many different churches. In these 734 studied and memorized scripture portions as taught by 64 teachers. What a joy it is to see these children from the crowded ill-smelling slums gathered in clean rooms singing the praises of Jesus and learning His Word. God's Word stored up in the mind will give the Holy Spirit the opportunity He needs to bring about a work of grace in the heart. When the final history of these vacation schools is written it will be seen that through them many Korean children received their start in the Way of Life. Our motto for 1931 is "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee."

The Christian Endeavor organization has taken on new life among us. We have now 13 societies with a membership of 471. Our own early Christian life was much strengthened by membership in the Christian Endeavor and we have great confidence in it as a society for young people.

The prospects for building up a strong self-supporting Korean Church in Japan are not bright. In the first place the Koreans here are poor, in the second they move about too much. Not expecting to reside very long in any one place it is hardly to be expected that they should contribute very largely to church building funds. During the past four years the numbers of our Christians have rapidly increased and two churches were built mostly with Korean church funds but the rapid development of self-support such as we see in the churches in Korea is not to be expected. We are making two valuable contributions to the general work for Koreans. In the first place we are helping to conserve what was well begun in Korea. Many who were Christians before coming to Japan are being gathered into our churches. In the second place many thousands of these moving crowds are hearing the Gospel message as they pass along. This they would have no opportunity to do were it not for our work in their midst.

Thou that hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more—a grateful heart!
Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
As if Thy blessing has spare days,
But such a heart whose pulse may be thy praise.—*George Herbert.*

Among the Korean Women and Children in Japan

MISS JEAN C. MACLEAN

LESS than four short years ago the women of our Church accepted the call to a task which is unique—to send the *Good News* to as many as possible of the thousands of Koreans living in Japan, a glorious opportunity to serve strangers in a strange land and thereby serve Him who said of Himself “the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.” The Koreans here are very poor, many of them living in what can scarcely be called a house. You have accepted the call to serve them and already much has been accomplished.



A Korean Sunday School in Japan

Although much has been done among the women and children there awaits much more to be done. The faithful Bible women, day after day going in and out among the homes are witnessing for Christ, their words of comfort and encouragement are a bright spot in the lives of those with whom they come in contact. During the past year God has greatly blessed the efforts of these faithful servants. In most of the churches there are women's societies, really they are known as “women's preaching societies”, the great ambition being to preach to non-Christian women. Practically all the churches have Bible classes on Sunday for the women and they attend regularly bringing not only themselves but their babies also. It is a joy to see so many young women coming to services and Bible class.

In the case of the children efforts are being put forth on behalf of the very young as well as the older children. This particular phase of the

work is most enjoyable and to me seems a high privilege. One of the most beautiful pictures which we have from the life of our Saviour is that of the Master laying His hand on the heads of little children, whenever in the midst of a group of little ones I cannot but think of the love Jesus bore to them when He was here on earth. I wish you might look in on some of the Sunday Schools and see bright, eager and interested boys and girls who come every Sunday usually arriving long before time to start. You would rejoice to hear the lusty singing of hymns loved by young children the world over, you would be glad to hear verses from the Bible recited, and you would go away with a desire to do greater things for the Master. Daily Vacation Bible Schools are very popular during the summer vacation, last year they were held in twenty-four centres. For two weeks or more every morning was spent in Bible study, memorization of Scripture, singing and learning to read and write their native language. The latter is part of the course because so many of the children speak Japanese much better than their own language. As these children attend Japanese schools and are only directly in touch with Christian influence for a very small portion of each week, it behoves the teachers and others connected with the Sunday Schools to take advantage of every minute.

Kobe and Osaka are fortunate in having something done for the very little children, the former city having two kindergartens and the latter having one. As most of the children come from non-Christian homes kindergartens are an important means of contact. We are happy to see results already in some of the children but we look to the future feeling that some of the words learned now may be the means of salvation of men and women. Korean children are very much like Canadian children, they love to play, sing and to make things; not always are they well behaved as good children should be, but sometimes noisy and mischievous. The Christmas celebrations last year were splendid and the tiny tots by their songs and words witnessed for Christ before the many non-Christians who always attend this service.

Is the following incident the result of the influence of a little child or of seeing what Christ means to those who know Him?

A short time ago at one of the Osaka churches I met a man who was introduced as a new believer. The outstanding thing about him was his happy countenance and eager attitude, anxious to hear every word of the sermon. Later I asked the student in charge to tell me the story of his conversion and received the following answer: "We do not know, as far as we can tell no one preached to him but his two little children come to Sunday School and have not missed a Sunday since they started. He said that he wanted to be a good man and thought that if he believed in Jesus he could become a good man. He had previously not lived a good life, so he came to church, decided for Christ and has been eager to learn." We

do not know whether the children brought their father to the Saviour or not, but we do know that the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear.

"First Impressions" in Japan

MISS ELLEN ANDERSON

IMPRESSIONS are not facts. An impression is but an "effect produced on the mind", and as I have been requested to give my first impressions, my privilege now is not to give facts but to give something which has come to me quite involuntarily. The question therefore of correctness does not enter in; but that "something" which came involuntarily I pass on to you.

My first impression was and still is the enormity of the task; yet I must not say "task". Rather let us concentrate upon the wonder of the privilege that we should be called to share with the Lord of earth and heaven the ministry to a people whose tongue and manner of thought and modes of lives are so different from ours. Yet, as my Japanese friend, Mrs. Nobu Jo, says, "How splendid that the Father understands all our languages," "And how fine," I add, "that He knows too every thought and desire of their hearts, every need of their souls." For He is our Partner.

I must mention Japan itself, for, although the same stars shine on us as in the homeland, there are many differences. The high stone walls with their sense of protection produce at first also a "hemmed-in" feeling, and a longing to see Japan's rural parts. The view of the sunrise is obstructed by the multitude of houses. Our little yard boasts trees and shrubs to the number of fifty or over, with about thirty different varieties, but where is the green grass? But all adverse impressions are swallowed up by a major one. That for which in my subconscious mind I have longed, I have found. It is the mountains. Since a visit to the site of the new Mission Home to be built, and one view of the stretch of mountains and their magnificent pine-covered valley below, I am waiting in great expectation for a sunrise over that valley.

But to come to a more important subject—the people. Surely any type of dress might be worn in this land, as we see such a variety. There are the men with furs around their necks, such as ladies wear at home, little boys with their little white aprons, girl students in navy-serge attire, resembling very much our deaconess' uniform. And always there are the wooden shoes, and the kimonos, some of which are beautiful. There is the Korean Theological student who one day wears a beautifully-fitting western suit, and the next appears all in Korean

attire. But whatever the exterior, are the hearts so different after all? I think not. Each shopping trip is made a pleasure by the courtesy of the Japanese, and their response to kindness. Having heard much about Koreans, I expected much, but I was not disappointed. Let me mention the reverent bowing in prayer each time they enter the church (only a Japanese house), the meeting of welcome arranged at the church and words of address which I shall always treasure, not forgetting the feast prepared by the women. There is the ambition of the student who will attend night school for three years with the hope of entering the Theological Seminary for a period of five years, in order that he may be better prepared to preach.

But there is the darker side. There are those on the hills and in the cities crowded into miserable little shacks, with very little to eat or wear. There are those whose faces hold no welcome for the preacher of the Gospel, and those who are under the terrible power of the opium curse. There are many who are sick in body but there is no doctor to minister to them. And how it makes the heart ache as one walks toward those same beautiful mountains to see here and there the shrines with their offerings of food. And ever in the streets we see faces not lighted up by any ray of hope, but showing only anxiety and despair. Yet for each one there are glorious possibilities, for each one is a soul for whom the Saviour died.

And so my strongest impression is one which I hope will never fade but ever grow stronger as long as life shall last, and that is the necessity for, and the obligation of prayer—intercessory, importunate, purposeful prayer, not only on the part of missionaries in the field, but on the part of all at home who have named His name. How presumptuous for us to think we can work without much real prayer, and how sinful we are if we neglect to avail ourselves of the mighty power at our disposal. We must pray, and we must live the prayer life which alone makes real prayer possible. Let us seek a deeper consecration.

Pyongyang Higher Bible School

MISS MARGARET BEST

THE Higher Bible School at Pyongyang, Korea, from which we draw the Bible women for our work among the Koreans in Japan, has just erected a new Bible School Class Building to accommodate 100 pupils. The present total enrolment was 51 students, of this number 27 are graduates of Taiku, Seoul, Pyongyang, and Syenchun Academies, and of Southern Presbyterian and Australian Mission Academies, a Southern Presbyterian Academy in Japan and the Methodist Academy in Pyongyang. Of the remaining 24, 18 are graduates of our Mission Bible Institutes and

6 are young women who have had three or four years in Academies and work in other schools or experience in teaching or other forms of Christian work which qualifies them to enter the Bible School. It is an encouraging sign of the times to see young people of our schools and Bible Institutes wanting to take such a course as the Bible School offers and is a happy augury for the progress of the Korean Church especially among the young people.

In February 5 young women were graduated. Within a week or less they were all busy at work and doing it with enthusiasm. What we would do without these Higher Bible School graduates for teaching in our Bible Institutes at this time when there are not enough single women evangelistic missionaries to fill the schedule we do not know.

Of the 36 graduates all are to be found engaged in Christian work in eight of Korea's provinces and in Manchuria, three as the wives of pastors, others as Bible women, secretaries and personal helpers of missionaries in Bible training classes, Bible Institute teaching and country itineration. Some act as evangelists in Korean Churches or on circuits in charge of missionaries, others as pastors' assistants in city churches, two as hospital evangelists and several in Girls' Schools in charge of dormitories or as teachers. As yet only four of the graduates have been called to work outside of Korea, two of them for short periods in Japan for service among the Koreans.

The practical work department has been strengthened and we are expecting it to become an important part of the curriculum in developing the students' interest and knowledge along the lines of personal contact with people of all classes and conditions and presenting to them the claims of the Gospel. Permission had been obtained to visit several city hospitals weekly. Regular weekly assignments to the street chapel are made and some students are elected and assigned to call upon girls studying in government schools to present the claims of the Gospel to them. In connection with the Students' Sunday assignments the personal work side of their opportunity is emphasized as well as the teaching of the Sunday School lesson. The students during vacations have opportunities for practical work, as teachers in the country and city Bible Classes. The aim of the Bible School is to try to impart to its students not only a love for the Bible as the Word of Life and a knowledge of its riches of wisdom and grace but also to seek to train them for practical Christian service.

Another department we are seeking to strengthen is that of Gospel Music. We believe that Gospel singing makes as great an appeal to the Korean people as it does to other nationalities and has the same power to reach hearts here as in America.

In the spring term a Self-Help Department to enable worthy students not otherwise able to meet all expenses to make enough money to pay their board was started.

The regular subjects of the curriculum have been taught the centre of which is the Bible, the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments around which cluster all secondary subjects like Church History, Christian Evidences, Geography of Bible Lands, Music.

The Disarmament of Prejudice

THE issue is a simple one. The aggressive war spirit is opposed to the spirit of Christ, it is destructive of the orderly development of humanity. On this broad principle the Christian takes his stand; and he feels it his duty to do anything he can to help all movements that promote the cause of peace.

What he requires to be clear about is the impulse which sends him to sign petitions in favor of disarmament. Many are induced to do so through fear of the physical horrors of war; others from visions of the financial and economic chaos that war inevitably brings. Such spectres will, doubtless, also hover in the background at Geneva. But they do not form the best reasons for the Christian attitude towards war.

The disarmament of prejudice is as important as military and naval disarmament. Prejudice, misunderstanding and ill-will are rampant in the world, and so long as they operate the danger of a clash of passion and a resort to arms will prevail. The real way to peace is to rid ourselves of these. Most of us cherish not only racial prejudices but prejudices of every kind. Petitions serve a useful purpose, but let those who sign them first honestly examine themselves and discover whether they are free from dislike of the members of other nations, whether they enter into their minds to try to understand and respect their point of view. If not, some mechanical effect may be attached to their signatures, but these will not have any spiritual efficacy—any more than the gift on the altar when we are unreconciled to our brother or of the prayer for forgiveness when we have not forgiven others. The same principle runs through all Christ's teachings.

The petition should be signed. But our signatures will have more virtue if we can say in truth, that all men are our brothers.

When the nations are cleansed of the ideas and feelings that lie at the root of war, war will cease.

Let us pray the prayer of John Knox:

"Give us Thy grace to live in that Christian charity which Thy Son our Lord Jesus has so earnestly commanded to all the members of His body; so that other nations, provoked by our example, may set aside all ungodly war, contention and strife, and strive to live in tranquility and peace as becometh the sheep of Thy pasture."

—*Life and Work, The Record of the
Church of Scotland.*

Summer Work and Camps

MISS HUGILL is settled in Ottawa, and busy at work. She has a large area to visit and, in one section, has already found eleven children ready to attend Sunday School when one is opened.

"In July I met 7 boats, 7 trains and made 85 visits. In August I made 49 calls, met 7 boats and 11 trains. Our Overseas Club picnics have been very successful, we had one nearly every week."—*Florence Manzer, Montreal.*

"We had a splendid group of leaders at Keats Camp, but were disappointed at the number of girls. Three from our Chinese Mission in Vancouver came for the first week. They did enjoy themselves and wished to stay. Their leader too, was sorry to see them go. They were always the



Scott Institute Camp, Grimsby Beach, where over two hundred mothers and children were entertained this summer.

first to get up, first at breakfast, eager for Bible and missionary study and willing to do what was asked of them. Rev. Mr. Cunningham was director and Mrs. Cunningham camp mother. We were fortunate having Mr. Cunningham. In his talks at family worship at the breakfast table, at vesper service and round the camp fire, the personal note was struck and the appeal made to the girls to give their lives to Christ and devote themselves to His service."—*Margaret Grigor, Vancouver.*

A visitor to Livingstone Presbyterian camp, 6 miles from Kitchener, Ontario, has sent a description of the splendidly equipped 10 room house, set in 8 acres of ground, with tennis courts, baseball grounds, swimming pool and sports room—a lovely spot—where religious instruction and outdoor pleasures are so well combined.

CHINESE DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THE closing exercises of the Daily Vacation Bible School at the Chinese Christian Institute, Toronto, marked the conclusion of its most successful session with the highest enrolment—47, since its inception, four years ago. Four of the six teachers were Chinese: Miss Fong Dickman, Miss Leung and Miss Yeung being daughters of Chinese clergymen, and Miss Fay Wong, a student at the University of Toronto. Miss Agnes Dickson, Presbyterian missionary to the Chinese in Montreal,



was Principal, and Miss Mary Lambert, superintended the primary department. The programme consisted of hymns, songs and recitations of Scripture, memorized during the session, and a game demonstration by kindergarten children. Mrs. Strachan, President of the W.M.S., and Miss Dickson spoke briefly. Prizes were distributed by Miss MacQuarrie, who donated them, and the diplomas, presented by Mrs. Ma. Rev. Ma King Woo presided.

Books Old and New

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

OWING to the present conditions, all the Empire is being called upon to make sacrifices. We in Canada shall have to help those about us as we never have before. This means economy. But economy after all means careful buying, and even under drastic circumstances, it does not always pay to cut down one's sources of knowledge. We shall not close our schools, nor by the same token should we shut off our own information. The new study books are ready. They

are not expensive, and they contain in a condensed form stories of the fields and the work being done there at present, which it is vital for each member to know. To secure new members, and most important of all, to become enthusiastic in the work of our Society, and of our Church, it is essential that we know the cause which we are upholding and promoting.

To have a definite interest, there must be accurate knowledge, and this comes from the printed page.

Knowing that little will have to go far, in the making of our fall list, special purchases have made unusual bargains possible. Give good books. They are not expensive, and have a far reaching value for those who are interested, in the work.

THE TIDE OF OPPORTUNITY, for Auxiliaries and Young Women's Auxiliaries, is prepared in a way that it can be used as the basis for a paper at each meeting, or several members might give short talks on different phases of the work covered in the particular chapter used. It should be in the possession of each individual member, that she may become personally acquainted with the work in the different fields. Price per copy, 25c. \$2.50 per dozen for membership purchases.

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BIG SHIPS AND LITTLE PEOPLE is the new Mission Band Study Book. This is a larger book and is compiled for two years. It contains twenty chapters, the first ten on the work generally, and the last ten, biographies of our pioneer missionaries. Price per copy 35c.

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When compiling the fall prize list, or Christmas book list, write for our special Christmas catalogue. If you have a certain amount to spend for prizes we shall be glad to make up a suitable suggested list of books giving discount and extra books to meet your amount. Send ages of boys or girls for whom they are intended.

Prayer

○ THOU Giver of every good gift we would lift grateful hearts to Thee for Thou hast crowned us with Thy loving kindness. We thank Thee for the good land which Thou hast given us; for our civil freedom and religious liberty; for the benefit of education and other temporal blessings. We give Thee thanks for the provision Thou hast made for our bodily needs; for the harvest of the field, the fruit of the orchard and the produce of the sea. We thank Thee for the avenues of service for Thee and our fellow men which Thou hast opened to us; for our desire to enter and for any good we may have been enabled to do. We thank Thee for health and strength; for the love and care of home and the joy of friendship. Save, we pray Thee, our country from discord and our people from misunderstanding. Shed abroad Thy peace upon the world and lead all the nations in the way of mutual help and good will. In times of prosperity fill our hearts with gratitude, and in times of anxiety or distress, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail. Bless our Church, and endue her Moderator with strength of body and the consciousness of Thy presence. We thank Thee for the life and service of that great international missionary to Japan, Caroline Macdonald. Raise up, we entreat Thee, one to take her place. Comfort all that mourn. Bless our missionaries and be especially near the two young workers who are soon to serve in Formosa, guide them in perplexity and bless their ministry. Make us all earnest and sincere in our service. Keep us faithful and diligent in the business of the King and true and humble followers of Thy Son, our Saviour. Amen.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

A Thank-offering Service

HYMN 444, *Bible Reading*.—Leader repeats Ps. 103: 1, 2; individual members—enumerate blessings; Ps. 103: 3-5; Ps. 165: 11; 2 Cor. 9: 15; repeat in unison Ps. 68: 9. *Prayer of thanksgiving, Glad Tidings*, page 351. *Paper*.—(a) The life and work of Caroline Macdonald; (b) Our work among the Koreans in Japan. *Hymn* 386. *Business. Roll call. Questions by Leader*: What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward us? *Response by members*: (1) Our service—Luke 9: 23; Mark 16: 15; Acts 1: 8; Rom. 12: 1, 6: 13. (2) Our possessions—Deut. 16: 10; Mal. 3:10; 2 Sam. 24: 24. (3) Our thanksgiving—Ps. 150 (to be read in unison). (4) Our prayers—1 Thess. 5: 17; Ps. 55:17. *Offering. Solo or Hymn of Dedication*, 552. *Lord's Prayer*, in unison. *Hymn* 576.

YOUNG WOMEN

A Message From Your Editor

AT the beginning of the winter's work, I would like to send a special word of greeting to the splendid young women who form the Y.W.A. Department of our Society. And first, let me tell you with what interest I have watched this department grow and what an honor I counted it when the request came for a Young Women's page in the *Glad Tidings*. It seemed too good to be true. And oh the thrill when the magazine came out and I saw in print the perfect sequence—Mission Bands, Girls and Leaders, Young Women, Auxiliaries! I do hope you like your page and that you will not hesitate to make suggestions for its improvement; that you will look upon me as your friend, let me know your ideas and ideals and any new methods you have put into use and found successful.

You will be the W.M.S. of the future and from your ranks the leaders of tomorrow will be drawn. What you need therefore, is not to be extraordinary people, but ordinarily endowed young women plus a cause which has captured your imagination and fired your zeal. If you have the cause of Christ and the extension of His Kingdom at heart, no effort will be too great to make yourself efficient in His service.

Not so very many years ago, in the town of Wingham, Ontario, a little baby girl was born and grew to girlhood and young womanhood. The cause of Christ captured her imagination, fired her zeal and drew her from Canada to Japan and to a missionary service that has not been surpassed in our

memory. That young woman was Caroline Macdonald, whom Canadian women to-day revere. She finished her task. The torch she held so high awaits another hand. Canadian young women! which of you will take it up?

—Mamie C. G. Fraser.

Discuss

How best to improve your Auxiliary:

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| 1. Regular attendance | 4. Prayer |
| 2. Friendliness | 5. Sacrificial Giving |
| 3. Knowledge of the Work | 6. Personal Responsibility |

Difficulties Overcome

Miss Hazel Macdonald, of Pouce Coupe, in whose work the young women are specially interested, writes of camp life under difficulties. They expected 16 girls and there were 31 ranging from 8 to 18 years of age. It rained every day and every night they were in camp, and Miss Macdonald just marvelled at their spirit, getting up morning after morning in the wet, starting out to do something and then having to stop because it rained, barely taking a dip because the water was cold (it was muddy too) and there was "not one grumble all the time!"

Programme Suggestions:

"Informal Dramatization in Missionary Education," a helpful little book for the Auxiliary contemplating variety in their programme. Price, 20c.

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For the Thank-Offering Meeting

"A Thousandfold and Beyond," a suitable leaflet for distribution among the members. 5c. each or \$2.00 per 100; \$1.00 for 50.

"Thanksgiving Ann," a leaflet 4c. "Thanksgiving Ann," in a play, 15c. per copy.

"Give Thanks Unto the Lord," a pageant service of Thank-offering, about 18 characters in simple costume, price 15c.

"Aunt Betty and the Thank-offering Tea," 3c. A good elocutionist could give this.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

GETTING STARTED

Treasure Books

AT the Council Meeting of the W.M.S., in Winnipeg, requests were made by various leaders of girls' organizations that the Treasure Book competition be repeated another year and that the rules governing "Treasure Books" be issued at an early date. To begin with,

it might be stated that the real purpose of the book is to store up the treasure of each meeting by pasting into your record an outline of the programme, items of information, poems, pictures, etc., which have been gathered by your Group or by the members responsible for that meeting.

About the third week in May, Treasure Books may be forwarded to the Council Meeting of the W.M.S. on which occasion judges are appointed to compare the merits of the various books and to make the awards. In reaching this decision, consideration is given to the originality and beauty of the cover, the illustrations, the choice and arrangement of material, the general information revealed, and, in particular, familiarity with the mission work of your Church and W.M.S.

Since the 1931-32 study book, "Council Fires", by Mrs. Lereine Ballantyne, deals with the North American Indian, the Treasure Books will naturally be based on that subject.

Perhaps the question, "where to begin?" may be asked. What about your own locality? Are there any places of historic significance to be photographed? Is there some outstanding pioneer character who may be described or an incident of early days to be recalled? If all these fail, begin with your own group's campfire, of which a picture may be taken or a silhouette drawn. Begin there—but do not linger for trails lure in many directions.

Activity or Project

"How to serve?" may be another question. *Through your Presbyterial Supply Secretary*, scrap books, picture books and picture puzzles may be forwarded to the Indian Residential Schools. Some of the new pupils do not know many English words so the art of reading is not easily acquired, whereas pictures always speak. Then Christmas is coming and, since all gifts should be ready by December 1st, the present is none too soon. Dolls, wash cloths, work bags, handkerchiefs and the other little things that you like yourselves, will all be welcome. Girls are pretty much the same everywhere—and so are boys. Don't forget that there are boys as well in the Indian Residential Schools.

The Book Shelf

Do you know Miss Mabel Powers and her books? Yehsennohwehs (or story teller) is the name she gained through full adoption into the Snipe clan of the Iroquois. "The Portage Trail", "Stories the Iroquois Tell Their Children", and "Around an Iroquois Story Fire" justify her right to the name.

Do you know that the first Bible printed in North America was in the Indian tongue? See John Eliot—*Encyclopædia Britannica*. Do you know the poem by Charles Sangster, "Taapookaa: A Huron Legend"? It might also be called "The White Canoe" and dramatized. See "Songs of the Great Dominion", page 45.

Additional books from which material may be taken: Egerton Ryerson Young—"Stories from Indian Wigwams and Northern Camp Fires"; Mrs. Jameson—"Sketches in Canada and Rambles Among the Red Men"—Part 2 (an old book containing legends, customs, etc., which may be consulted in reference libraries); Dent's Canadian History Readers, Book 2, "All About Indians".

DO not fail to do honor to the memory of Dr. Caroline Macdonald by reading the account on pages 325-39 of this magazine. The thought that your girls supported her work for the Japanese girls in industry during her final year of service will always be a source of pride and gratitude. Her last message to your department of the W.M.S. was "Give my love to the Canadian girls."—M.J.G.

MISSION BANDS

THE MISSIONARY POTATO

IT wasn't a very large church, and it wasn't nicely furnished. No carpet on the floor, no frescoping on the walls; just a plain, square, bare, frame building, away out on the prairie. To this church came James and Stephen Holt every Sunday.

On this particular Sunday they stood together over by the square box-stove, waiting for Sunday School to commence, and talking about the missionary collection that was to be taken up. It was something new for the poor church; they were used to having collections taken up for them. However, they were coming up in the world, and wanted to begin to give. Not a cent had the Holt boys to give.

"Pennies are as scarce at our house as hens' teeth," said Stephen, showing a row of white, even teeth as he spoke. James looked doleful. It was hard on them, he thought, to be the only ones in the class who had nothing to give. He looked around the old church. What should he spy, lying in one corner of a seat, but a potato.

"How in the world did that potato get to church?" he said, nodding his head towards it. "Somebody must have dropped it that day we brought things here for the poor folks. I say, Steve, we might give that potato. I suppose it belongs to us as much as to anybody."

Stephen turned and gave a long, thoughtful look at the potato.

"That's an idea," he said eagerly, "Let's do it!"

James expected to see a roguish look on his face, but his eyes and mouth said, "I'm in earnest!"

"Honor bright?" asked James.

"Yes, honor bright."

"How? Split it in two, and each put half on the plate."

"No," said Stephen, laughing; "we can't get it ready to give to-day, I guess; but suppose we carry it home and plant it in the nicest spot we can find, and take extra care of it, and give every potato it raises to the missionary cause."

Full of this new plan, they went into the class looking less sober than before; and though their faces were rather red when the box was passed to them, and they had to shake their heads, they thought of the potato, and looked at each other and laughed.

Somebody must have whispered to the earth and the dew and the sunshine about that potato. You never saw anything grow like it. "Beats all," said farmer Holt, who was let into the secret. "If I had a twenty-acre lot that would grow potatoes like that, I should make my fortune."

When harvesting came, would you believe that there were forty-one good, sound, splendid potatoes in that hill? Another thing: while the boys were picking them up, they talked over the grand mass meeting for missions that was to be held in the church next Thursday—an all-day meeting. The little church had had a taste of the joy of giving, and was prospering as she had not before. Now for a big meeting to which speakers from Toronto were coming. James and Stephen had their plans made. They washed the forty-one potatoes carefully; they wrote out in their best hand this sentence forty-one times:

"This is a missionary potato, its price is ten cents; it is from the best stock known. It will be sold only to one who is willing to take a pledge that he will plant it in the spring and give every one of its children to the missions. Signed, James and Stephen Holt."

Each shining potato had one of these slips smoothly pasted to its plump side. Didn't those potatoes go off, though! By three o'clock on Thursday afternoon not one was left, though a gentleman from Toronto offered to give a gold dollar for one.

That afternoon James and Stephen Holt each put two dollars and five cents into the collection, and from that day to this they both have had a thriving missionary garden.

—Daybreak.

THE NEW STUDY BOOK

Dear Leaders:

YOU, no doubt, are disappointed having to pay thirty-five cents for our new study book, but when you realize it is to be used for two years you are really saving fifteen cents. After you have read and studied it, we would appreciate any criticism you have to offer, as that is the way we know whether the book is meeting the needs of the leaders and boys and girls.

We also hope you approve of our new Mission Band pin and trust every member of our Mission Bands will own one.

Your Secretary is looking forward to an increase in membership in every Band this year.

—Ethel M. Adamson,
Assistant Mission Band Secretary.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY

THE W.M.S. of St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, held a picnic meeting in Stanley Park recently. The guests were Rev. A. and Mrs. Robertson, Vegreville, Alta., Mrs. Ledingham, Provincial President, Miss Grigor, deaconess, Miss Sibyl Crawford, Chinese worker and the pastor, Dr. MacBeth. The company gathered in the flower garden and the meeting was held on the steps of the pavilion. Mrs. Rutherford and Mrs. Pamplin led the devotions, and Mrs. Ellis reported the Council meeting. This report and the closing words of Dr. MacBeth were much appreciated. The guests were shown the beauty spots in the park, returning to the picnic tables where the ladies had a delightful supper prepared. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all and it is hoped that our summer meetings may again be arranged in this way.

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BRANDON P.S.—On Sunday, August 2nd, Mrs. R. A. Hamlin, first Vice-President of the Presbyterial, and a party of fifteen journeyed to the Rolling River Reserve where special Thank-offering services were held. On reaching the Church, which is about four miles in the Reserve, they found only the nurse, Miss Buckley, and the evangelist, Miss Blackwell, present, but were informed the congregation would gather after the ringing of the bell. True enough, in a few minutes they were coming in all directions, some walking, some in wagons, and soon the church was well filled. Mr. Coultrige, who gave the message, chose John 3:1-21, and one of the elders read Matt. 5 in Cree. All were delighted with a solo, "Face to Face" by Mr. Anderson, an ex-graduate of Elkhorn school, also numbers by members of St. Andrew's choir, Brandon. After the service the guests were entertained by our workers in the Mission House and at eight p.m. a special young people's meeting was held in the form of a sing-song. The large attendance at these meetings and the interest manifested made one

realize more than ever the great work our missionaries are doing in the outlying posts. Miss Blackwell is returning to Birtle, but Miss Buckley will continue this splendid work.

ONTARIO

MRS. D. MASON McLENNAN, 167 ROEHAMPTON AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SEC. **STRATFORD P.S.** Y. W. and C.G.I.T. Groups held a rally in Queen's Park, Stratford, July 8th. Each group took part in the programme and presented their work in a clever and interesting manner. Mrs. J. H. McCabe spoke of the Council meeting in Winnipeg, Mrs. G. P. Duncan and Miss S. E. Orr also spoke briefly to the girls. The interest the girls are taking in their work is very gratifying.

Barrie P.S.—West Church Auxiliary, Nottawasaga, held their Thank-offering meeting when Rev. Allan Reoch gave an address. There was special music by the choir, and a generous offering.

Brockville P.S.—The 42nd anniversary of Winchester Springs Auxiliary was celebrated at the home of Mrs. H. Nesbitt, on July 8th. Dr. Margaret O'Hara spoke of its organization in 1889, and read the minutes of that first meeting, which she, herself, had written. A resume of work accomplished through the years was given by Mrs. Earl Munroe, with music and other messages. A great many members were present from the surrounding Auxiliaries.

Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—A successful Mission Band Rally was held at Cobden, September 7th. The beautiful little Church was decorated with flowers and filled to the doors with happy children. A programme of sacred songs, drills, and pageants by the children, made an inspirational service which will long be remembered.

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NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Alberta

Edmonton P.S.—Ranfurly M.B.

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Kingston P.S.—“Four Square” Club, Sandhill, affiliated with W.M.S.

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Quebec

Montreal P.S.—Ormstown M.B.

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Treasurer's Statement

July-August, 1931

RECEIPTS

A Friend, "Chinese work in Toronto"	\$ 60.00
A Friend, "Rural Survey work in Toronto"	350.00
Miss I. McDonald, "Work in Northern Ontario" ..	15.00
Refund on Council Expenses	136.00
Building sold at Vegreville	100.00
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Ontario	6,400.00
Quebec	750.00
Saskatchewan	450.00

\$16,075.61

DISBURSEMENTS

South Porcupine Hospital	670.00
McMurray Hospital	296.66
Canora Hospital	1,176.00
Vegreville Hospital	650.00
Chinese in Canada	1,685.69
Government Grant, "Cecilia Jeffrey"	5,192.96
"Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian School	726.66
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Education of Chinese Candidates	132.30
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New Missionaries	466.84
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Editorial

THE Presbyterian Church in Canada has suffered a very great loss in the death, on October 12th, of the Reverend D. R. Drummond, D.D., of Hamilton, one of her best known and most distinguished ministers. In this loss our W.M.S. shares in a vital way, for Dr. Drummond was Convener of the Board of Missions, and a warm friend, wise counsellor, and loyal supporter of all the missionary activities of the Church.

In voicing the great loss sustained by our W.M.S. in Dr. Drummond's death, our President paid a beautiful tribute to his life and to the service which had been rendered our Church, and particularly our Society, by this clergyman, administrator, friend and Christian gentleman, and asked that a suitable resolution be prepared for our minute book, copies to be forwarded to Dr. Drummond's relatives, the Board of Missions, and the Session of St. Paul's Church.

The following is the resolution which was presented to the Council Executive, the members standing to receive it:

Inasmuch as it hath pleased God in His unerring wisdom to call to his reward the Reverend Daniel R. Drummond, D.D., Convener of the Assembly's Board of Missions, and an honored minister of our Church, the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society and the entire membership of the Society, desire to place on record their thankfulness to God for the life and service of His devoted servant of whom they think to-day with gratitude and reverence.

Dr. Drummond was a man of brilliant scholarship, sound judgment, unusual administrative ability—a combination of gifts which made him a great Christian statesman and a source of strength to his Church. As a preacher he always brought to his people in his sermons and prayers a sense of the abiding presence of God. As a pastor he drew from his people their need, and out of his great and understanding heart brought them comfort, courage and cheer, while those who had his friendship knew it to be the truest and finest. As Convener of the Board of Missions his great gift of leadership was revealed in his grasp of detail, wide knowledge, chivalrous treatment of people, monumental sincerity, and in his vision of the opportunity for service which lay before the Church. To this department of the Church's work Dr. Drummond gave his best, and his best was always great.

In the annals of our Church the name of this wise counsellor, Christian gentleman and true soldier of Jesus Christ will endure.

"After this it was noised abroad, that Mr. Valiant-for-truth was taken with a summons. . . . When he understood it, he called for his friends, and told them of it. Then he said, 'I am going to my Father's. . . . My sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage; and my courage and skill to him that can get it. My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me, that I have fought his battles, who now will be my rewarder.' . . . So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side."

FEBRUARY 2nd, 1932, will witness at Geneva, Switzerland, representatives of sixty nations gathered together to find a way, if possible, by which the nations of the world may reduce their naval and military armaments, thus lessening the expenditures for these armies and navies and eliminating by mutual agreement the dangerous competition in armaments which may endanger the peace of the whole world. This Conference, composed of people of diverse races and speaking many languages, is said to be "the greatest effort at international agreement ever made."

The League of Nations Society in Canada, with which our W.M.S. is affiliated, has sent out a Petition for World Disarmament by International Agreement for the signature of Canadian men and women.

The message is simple and direct and runs thus:

"The nations have renounced war. Let us also renounce the instruments of war.

The undersigned men and women, irrespective of party, stand for world disarmament by international agreement.

They are convinced: that competition in armaments is leading all countries to ruin without bringing them security, and that this policy of competition renders further wars inevitable; that wars in future will be wars of indiscriminate destruction of human life; that so long as measures of disarmament are delayed, the Governments' assurances of peaceful policy will be valueless."

Following the space for signatures the statement is made that "This 'Polyglot Petition for World Disarmament' is now being circulated in many countries throughout the world and is to be presented to the International Disarmament Conference." It closes with the four following statements:

"Not this country alone, but every other country, should begin at once to destroy those armaments by which peace is rendered impossible."
—R. B. Bennett.

"Let us not forget that vast armaments are not only oppressive but dangerous. War has been renounced. Why has there not been a like renunciation of armaments?"—Sir Robert Borden.

- “We have a trust towards the Old World to mould and strengthen world opinion that the cause of disarmament may be augmented. This is a high mission for a young land.”—*W. L. Mackenzie King.*
- “Canada owes it to herself to give wholeheartedly to the cause of disarmament and all peace endeavors the vigorous and energetic co-operation of its youth. She has a glorious future. War alone can check her mighty progress. International jealousies are the sole cause of war from which she seeks to abstain.”—*Ernest Lapointe.*

For every thinking woman the coming Disarmament Conference should hold a vital interest. One writer has suggested two simple ways in which the busy housewife, the mother or business woman can help in this really tremendous task. First, in conversation. He says, if we make up our minds that the point of view of the foreigner, of the small nation, of the country which differs from us, shall be respected, we have done something to secure a juster outlook on world affairs.

We may not be able to agree with these points of view, but we can recognize them and try to put ourselves in the place of those who hold them. By so doing, we shall have made some progress in that “disarmament of the mind” which is so vital to the world’s peace.

Again we may not all be able to read widely or deeply, but we can keep informed on disarmament problems through the daily press. We can attend meetings or listen on the radio when expert information on the subject is being presented. If there are children in the home, we can put into their hands papers, magazines which present in a vivid, fresh and attractive way the progress of the world and the lives of other children in every corner of it, and encourage them to see both sides of every question, and so far as possible to take a just view of the grievances and hardships of others.

It is now generally recognized that the main cause of war is not so much hatred, envy, greed, or fear, as a rankling, burning sense of injustice felt by one group of persons towards another. Perhaps the average woman’s best work for peace lies in this: To strengthen, in herself, and her immediate circle, a fairer, more tolerant, and more just point of view in other people’s rights and difficulties.

On Christian justice in the last resort, peace is built, and each one of us can lay a stone in that mighty structure.

Provincial Executives are asked to use every endeavor to have these petitions signed by those who have not already done so. When signed they should be sent direct to the Secretary of the League of Nations Society, Ottawa. A supply of Petitions has been sent to all the Provincial Corresponding Secretaries so that any branch of the Society or any individual wishing them can apply to these officers. The supply for Ontario may be had from Mrs. L. Ballantyne, Room 700, 372 Bay St., Toronto.

CHRISTIAN literature for women and children in mission lands is a great international investment, and one in which our W.M.S. has a small share through its annual gift of \$350 which is used mainly for Mrs. Donald Macgillivray's work in China.

When we think what books and magazines have meant to us we can understand how a newly educated constituency which has been created in mission lands needs wholesome and helpful Christian literature on all subjects—books on home life, training of children, domestic science, biographies, stories, magazines, picture books, hymn books, prayers and Bibles.

As far back as 1877 the missionaries in China realized the need of school books for the children and set about their preparation. This step led to the establishment in 1887, of the *Society for the Diffusion of Christian and General Knowledge*. Nine years later the name was changed to the *Christian Literature Society for China*, and our Church became responsible for the support of one of the Secretaries. The Rev. Z. K. Zia, M.A., D.D., is the present Presbyterian representative. He is a man of great ability and high scholastic attainment, and has published various books, some of them in English. He is the third generation of pastors, his grandfather having been the first pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Ningpo, not far from Shanghai. He is convinced that the preparation of Christian literature is one of the very urgent measures in Christianizing China. Nor are the Chinese children forgotten. An ever growing department is kept busy providing for their needs. In 1915 Mrs. Donald Macgillivray was appointed Editor of "Happy Childhood", the first and only Sunday School paper for the boys and girls of China. To-day its subscribers number thousands. Many children's books have also been translated. Imagine a nation of 400,000,000 people with thousands of years of ancient civilization behind her not having books and magazines for her women and children until 1912!

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To-day Africa is asking for literature and we are glad to know that a new village paper for Africa is to be published in January 1932. It will be called "Listen: News From Near and Far." This name was chosen because it can be translated easily into all the vernaculars. This paper is being brought out by the International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa. There will be six issues a year. It will be published in English and it is hoped it will be read by teachers and others who know English in the villages and in classes in schools where English is taught. The magazine will be definitely Christian, and there will be a religious article in each issue. In addition, each number will contain material of interest to the village teacher, to women and to children, including something on hygiene, information

about the world outside Africa, and African folk lore or story. The Editor is Rev. H. Stover Kulp, Church of the Brethren Mission, Nigeria. Associate Editors: Miss Jean Kenyon Mackenzie, formerly American Presbyterian Mission, Cameroons, and Mrs. H. D. Hooper, formerly Church Missionary Society, Kenya. The technical work of publication is in the hands of Mr. Hubert W. Peet, a journalist. It will be remembered that Miss Margaret Wrong, of Toronto, was appointed as Secretary of the Bureau in 1929 and how admirably fitted she was for this great new venture.

THE resignation of Miss Ethel C. Reid, our missionary in South China, has been received with mingled feelings, regret that we are losing such a splendid worker and pleasure that she is leaving our work for a home of her own. Her resignation and the announcement of her approaching marriage to the Rev. H. O. T. Burkwall, Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Canton, came together.

Miss Reid was for many years our W.M.S. missionary in South China. In 1925, she returned to Canada where she engaged in work among the Chinese women and children, her last post being in Montreal where she was greatly beloved. One year ago, at the urgent request of the Church of Christ in China, she returned to China and has since been engaged in work at Kong Loon, as our missionary under the aforementioned Church. Her many friends throughout Canada will join with us in extending to our beloved Miss Reid our very best wishes.

AUXILIARY and Presbyterian Press Secretaries are asked not to send notices of meetings direct to the Editor as she just has to forward them to the Provincial Press Secretary. The Auxiliary notices should go to the Presbyterian Press Secretary, and the Presbyterian news to the Provincial Press Secretary, whose duty it is to condense the material she receives into 550 words for the Provincial News Page in *Glad Tidings*. So if you want to lighten her work, Be Brief. Above all, Be Prompt. It looks very badly to see in, say the July-August magazine, the report of a meeting which was held in April. Remember, all material should be in the hands of the Editor, Miss Fraser, before the first of the month prior to the date of issue if it is to appear.

MAIL intended for our workers in the "Gwalior Mission" is still being addressed "Gwalior", and, as a result, it finds its way into Gwalior State or Gwalior City. In future, please address all communications to:— The Canadian Presbyterian Mission, Jhansi, U.P., India.

MRS. GOULDTHORPE, Superintendent of the Huntingdon Residence, writes that four of our pupils wrote on the grade 12 examinations (which were stiff) and all four passed. This was the more commendable as out of the total of 18 who tried, only 8 were successful.

Those desiring extra copies of the October Glad Tidings—the Memorial Number to Dr. Caroline Macdonald—may obtain them at our Publications Office. Price 5c.

MAINLY ABOUT MISSIONARIES

WE report, with deep regret, the resignation from our staff of Miss Mabel G. Clazie, our missionary in Formosa for twenty-one years. Since Miss Kinney's withdrawal, Miss Clazie has been in charge of the Girls' School at Taihoku. The Formosa Council has appointed Miss Dorothy Douglas to take over the administration of the School next term.

Miss Mary Murray, Principal of the Girls' High School, Berbice, British Guiana, who gave splendid service for nearly three years, has resigned and returned to Canada. Miss Glassford is carrying on in the meantime.

Our beloved Dr. Jessie MacBean, who was given a long service medal by the Council at Winnipeg, has been further honored. She has been asked to act as Superintendent of the Hackett Medical College Hospital during the absence on furlough of Dr. Hofmann, the President and Superintendent.

Miss Grace Lee, a pupil of the late Miss Agnes Dulmage, of South China, has been appointed to work among the Chinese women and children in Victoria and is happily engaged now in this work.

Miss Millicent Walker, who did summer work at Quebec port, has been appointed W.M.S. worker at Scott Institute, Toronto.

LORD IRWIN'S TRIBUTE TO MISSIONS IN INDIA

WHILE I was Viceroy of India I was able to see a good deal of the work of missionaries, and appreciate not only its moral and social results, but the spirit in which it was conducted. Among outcasts and lepers, among criminal tribes, or aboriginal dwellers in jungle tracts, in crowded cities and remote places in the hills, I have seen men and women slaving devotedly to translate the message of Christ into the practical language of Him who went about doing good. In spite of the tragedy of disunity within the Christian ranks, they are doing work of quite incalculable value to India, and their most powerful sermons are in their lives.

This is No Time to Sound Retreat

“Is this a time, O Church of Christ, to ‘sound
Retreat’? To arm with weapons cheap and blunt
The men and women who have borne the brunt
Of truth’s fierce strife, and nobly held their ground?
Is this the time to halt, when all around
Horizons lift, new destinies confront,
Stern duties wait our nation, never wont
To play the laggard, when God’s will was found?”

OUR Church stands to-day on the threshold of the greatest opportunity for service and sacrifice that has presented itself to her in this generation. It is an opportunity we, as members, dare not refuse to face, and a call we must answer without hesitation. We are summoned to help our ministers and missionaries whom our Church has promised to stand behind; our own kith and kin; and our fellow-Canadians by adoption; who, as a result of crop failure, in some parts of the West, face the rigors of winter without adequate clothing or necessary food. From our abundance we must give till giving hurts, if we are to meet the need.

For four months the Synodical Missionaries in the West, under the direction of the General Secretary, have been carefully investigating the whole situation from the standpoint of the present distress with a view to meeting the requirements. In addition, the General Secretary has been in correspondence with Premier Bennett and authorities in the provinces concerned with a view to the closest co-operation. As a result, an appeal is made to the whole Church to provide money, clothing and other necessary assistance to meet the urgent need in the distressed areas. The call is to every man, woman and child in our Church and it is not a call to arm our workers with weapons cheap and blunt—

“No, rather, strengthen stakes and lengthen cords,
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,
And to thy kingdom come for such a time!

The earth with all its fullness is the Lord’s.
Great things attempt for Him, great things expect,
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime.”

The area affected this year through crop failure extends from Brandon westward right through Saskatchewan and into Alberta, a distance of 700 to 800 miles. In width it extends from about 20 miles north of the C.P.R. main line southward to the American boundary. In this district the average farmer has no crop, no feed, no water, no

money. In some instances water has to be hauled nearly six miles, tank wagons are seen everywhere. Very many farmers will not have their binders out, for there is nothing a binder can cut. The crop failure is due to lack of sufficient moisture for a period of nearly three years.

This situation presents 3 problems.

1. The problem of keeping our own work up to present standard in these devastated areas. Every congregation is faced with falling revenues and, in many cases, are unable to meet the salaries of ministers and missionaries. In some cases the arrears have reached a startling amount and yet **not a man has quit!** The work is going on as usual and kept going, but by whom? By our heroic ministers and missionaries, at great sacrifice. And it must be maintained for, in these days of stress and strain, the one source of inspiration is the Church.
2. To provide clothing especially for children that they may continue at school. The W.M.S. has always done splendid work, sending supplies, but this year calls for a much greater amount. Last winter by an outlay of some \$25, eight children were kept at school.
3. To provide religious services in districts where services have been withdrawn. This is our day of opportunity.

In all these affected areas the Government is planning measures of relief and is working through Red Cross agencies in co-operation with all the Churches, and with these agencies our Church is co-operating as closely as possible. Our W.M.S. representative on the Government Relief Commission is Mrs. H. R. Horne, whose husband is Synodical Superintendent for Saskatchewan. To Mr. Horne we are indebted for many of the above facts and the problems which are facing us.

A special committee composed of Rev. F. G. Vesey, Toronto, Conventer; Rev. A. J. MacGillivray, D.D., Guelph; Rev. H. R. Horne, Regina; Mrs. D. Strachan, Mrs. W. H. Fletcher and Miss MacMurchy, Toronto, has been appointed to carry out the programme.

Inasmuch as the women are responsible for supplies, the following letter is being sent to the women of the Church, through the Supply Secretaries, by Mrs. W. H. Fletcher, W.M.S. Supply Secretary:

"As you know an appeal has been made by the Board of Missions for relief in money and clothing for the burnt out districts in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

A letter has been prepared by the secretary, Dr. A. S. Grant, and sent to every minister to be read to his congregation on two consecutive Sundays. Doubtless you have heard this letter.

We realize that the women in our congregations will be the ones who will be responsible for collecting these supplies which, of course, are over and above our regular supply work. The need is so appalling that the help of Women's Aids and of every organization in the congregation will be required to meet it. The supplies needed are:—

1. Warm clothing for men, women and children.
2. Baby clothes.
3. Blankets and warm quilts. (No cotton quilts should be sent).
4. Knitted articles, such as sweaters, scarfs, mitts and stockings.
5. Warm underwear and boots.

Contributions of clothing from Ontario and Quebec should be sent to Knox Presbyterian Church, corner Spadina Ave. and Harbord St., Toronto, in care of Mrs. W. H. Fletcher, and from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, to Mrs. H. R. Horne, First Presbyterian Church, Alberta and 14th Street, Regina, Sask.

If at all possible, we ask that freight or express charges be prepaid.

As Presbyterial Supply Secretary, will you please forward this information to the Auxiliaries in your Presbyterial at once. Winter is almost here and there should be no delay in forwarding these supplies."

Money from individuals or from congregations should be forwarded to the Treasurer, Mr. E. W. McNeill, earmarked for this purpose and addressed to room 708 Sterling Tower Building, 372 Bay St., Toronto 2.

This is a time for doing not talking. We must all get busy and work and knit and give as we did in the war years. —M.C.G.F.

Historical Sketch of Hackett Medical College for Women

IN 1899, Dr. John G. Kerr left Canton Hospital to found the hospital for the insane which bears his name, and took the men medical students with him. Dr. Mary H. Fulton, a member of staff at Canton Hospital, decided to open a school for the women medical students. An early report states, "though having neither money nor buildings, she decided to open the school". The location chosen was in the western suburb of Canton, which has been for years a residence section for rich and poor alike. To the south and to the east stretches the great city, while to the north and to the west is open country with its canals, rivers and fields. The school was named Kwangtung Medical College for Women. The first dean of the school was Dr. Yue Mei Tak, now of Macao, who had been graduated at the school at Canton Hospital. One of the early contributors to this project was the Viceroy Li Hung Cheung.

From the beginning, though the school was under the control of the Presbyterian Mission, it was "to all intents and purposes a union institution"; and so it remains, both in staff and student body. Dr. Fulton and her colleagues began with nothing but faith and a firm determination to succeed. There has been little diminution in the need for both faith and determination. Due to the expansion of the work the supply of buildings, equipment and staff has never been sufficient to meet the need. From the beginning, Hackett and Affiliated Institutions has been entirely self-supporting, so far as current expenses are concerned, except for the salaries of the foreign staff. All gifts from abroad or from China have been or will be invested in permanent equipment. We are glad to include in this a gift of \$500 from a friend in China, and \$300* gold from Canada, this year.

The Board of Directors, in whom is vested the government of schools and hospital, are directly responsible to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Mission of the United States of America. The immediate control of the three institutions—Hackett Medical College, David Gregg Hospital, Turner Training School for Nurses—is delegated by the Directors to an Executive Council, consisting of members elected by the Directors from among the foreign and Chinese force.

On December 12, 1929, Hackett Medical College celebrated her thirtieth anniversary. During these thirty years significant changes have taken place. The Board of Directors is now made up mostly of Chinese, and the chairman is Chinese. The staff has increased in the number of full-time members. Conspicuous among these are the thirteen of our Hackett graduates. More and more of our own alumnae are qualifying to hold responsible positions on the staff. Three are at this time on leave of absence for study,—one in the United States of America, two in Peiping Union Medical College; and another goes to the United States this summer. In 1917 the standard which the staff had set for itself was "a school of forty students as an ideal". This mark was easily reached and passed; the constant raising of the academic standard has kept the number of students down to a little below seventy. The full course given, including the premedical, now covers seven years: the first premedical year was added in 1921, the second in 1929; the class graduating in 1921 was the first to serve a required internship. We are ready now to increase the number of students, and are equipped to care for one hundred in Mary Fulton Hall. Not only have new buildings been added, but a whole new compound as well. New buildings make new equipment necessary; that has been and is being added.

During these thirty years Hackett has graduated 188 young women. These graduates have scattered to thirteen of the provinces of China,

* This amount was sent to Dr. MacBean for use in her work.

to Hong Kong, Macao, Manila, Singapore, Java, England and the United States of America. About 47 per cent. are in private practice, 16 per cent. in the employ of missions, and the remainder are with government or native charities, are doing post-graduate study, or are not practicing.

Clinical Facilities

Clinical instruction and dispensary work are given at the David Gregg Hospital for Women and Children. Clinics are held in medicine, surgery, gynæcology, pædiatrics, ophthalmology, otorhinolaryngology, child welfare, and pre- and post-natal care.

The Hackett students are fortunate in having a hospital with the wealth of material represented in the 2,000 to 2,500 in-patients, the 20,000 to 25,000 out-patients, and the 8,000 office patients treated annually. All diseases, therefore, which are common to tropical South China can usually be demonstrated at some time for each class. The Canton General Hospital and the John G. Kerr Hospital for the Insane are affiliated institutions whose clinical material is abundant and, as in the case of the latter hospital, unique.

Scholarships

The purpose of scholarship aid is to enable worthy and needy students to secure the advantages of a Western medical education at the Hackett Medical College to fit them to render service as Christian physicians in China. The scholarship awards are made for one year only, and are not made the first year of the student's attendance in the institution; occasionally, however, she may be permitted to work off a second year's scholarship during the first year. If the student wishes a renewal of the scholarship she must file her application for renewal before June 1st. In granting the renewal, as well as the initial scholarship, the committee will be governed by the following considerations:

1. Is the student a Christian?
2. Has her scholastic record averaged satisfactorily?
3. Is her attitude in general praiseworthy?

Religious Activities

As the aim of the school is to graduate Christian doctors, considerable importance is placed upon religious instruction. All students attend daily chapel and Sunday morning church services.

The students' Young Women's Christian Association holds a short voluntary vesper service every evening, and Bible classes on Sunday; it conducts a day school for poor children in a nearby village, a night course for servants, and a Sunday School for boat children. In addition to this, groups of the students go into the villages on Sunday afternoons to hold services for the women and children.

The White Cross Society (volunteers for Christian service in China) has a membership of five medical students.

Students and Patients at Hackett Medical College

MARY FULTON HALL, the student dormitory of Hackett Medical College, is a large building, but it is crowded inside and out. It faces south—right up against the hospital! Inside there are housed all the students of Hackett Medical College, all the women doctors on the staff at David Gregg Hospital, all the internes, all the business staff for college and hospital, and in spaces up under the roof on the fourth floor a “whole raft of servants.”

After going through all our buildings, hospital, school, dispensary, nurses' home, and finding the same conditions everywhere, Mr. Ralph



A mother and her child



Little girl and her
baby brother

Wells, of China Council once said, “Well, my only criticism is that you don't use the space that you've got!” And Mr. Wells, knows crowded institutions when he sees them, ostensibly, for he has travelled in all our missions in China, and has had plenty of experience of his own, during his years of missionary work in Shan-Tung.

Each year, on Founder's Day, the 12th of December, and on any formal occasion the students wear their uniforms of white Chinese linen (grass cloth) trimmed in blue.

A picture seen everywhere is that of a father taking his hand at baby-tending. The fathers do love their children and are proud of them. There is hardly a family in China where the Angel of Death has not-taken away one or more of the little ones, and this can be readily

believed when it is stated by doctors who have made careful computations both in Canton and in Shanghai, that out of ten living children born in these cities, only three or four are living at the end of five years. David Gregg Hospital pioneered work for infant welfare when Dr. Taylor-Ross started the first Babies' Health Dispensary in China at that Hospital seven years ago. Now the hospital has clinics not only for babies but for young mothers, and expectant mothers. The first Chinese nurse to do public health work in South China, is doing much of her work through David Gregg Hospital at the present time.

One of the commonest sights in China is a grandmother in charge of the latest offspring. The grandchildren belong to the grandmother (paternal) in China, and if she wants she can have more control than the child's own mother, and is "ten-parts" (Chinese for 100%) proud of it. An eighteen months old wizened specimen was brought to the hospital once, because it didn't get fat. Its grandmother possessed it utterly and loved it so much (it was very "precious" being the only grandson at that time); that she bought the choicest and most expensive food for it to eat: ham and pickled duck livers! For eighteen months she had done her best, or worst, to produce a well nourished child. It was a surprise to us that it gained four pounds in a few weeks on milk powder, and other infant food (I mean the scientific medicine version of "infant food" not the Chinese grandmother kind).



Dr. Wu Su Tak

Here is a mother with her own child and I'd so much rather see them that way, especially when it comes to trying to teach something about modern infant nutrition, hygiene, and care. The mothers themselves are willing to listen and learn, and so often are eager and literal in carrying out directions.

This little girl is typical of most Chinese children—they are literally loaded down with a younger brother or sister wherever they go. Sometimes they are tied on, but in this both are holding tight,—and it works!

The little girl was glad to have her picture taken, but the little boy didn't approve. He was obviously annoyed by the near presence of a strange foreign face.

This picture shows Dr. Wu Siu Tak, assistant in physiology and pædiatrics in the college and the hospital. Other pictures sent show groups of students working in the Laboratory of Physiology on experi-

ments which are a part of their second year's course in medicine. This laboratory was quite well-equipped with the use of a gift from a friend in Lexington, Kentucky. The instruments secured are used not only for physiology, but for pharmacology, occasionally for physics, and for clinical medicine. It is hard to overestimate the increase in efficiency and the raising of standard of teaching that is made possible by the use of adequate equipment such as this gift provided.

Experiments in physiology not only teach the student "by doing," but they necessitate careful, exact work: they necessitate the development of a certain degree of skill in the use and care of instruments, and a very definite amount of steadiness of doing things with the hands. It can be easily understood how such assets gathered in physiology must enhance the ability later to carry out many procedures with ill patients as subjects; and how many patients must escape the disagreeableness of a lack of skill which they might otherwise have met.—*Contributed.*

Dig Down Through. Destination: China

MARY W. BISCHOFF, R.N.

BEING a nurse necessitates (as every nurse well knows), giving up a great many of the pleasant and valuable contacts and interests that are part of the life of ordinary people, whose lives run more according to a definite schedule and touch normal people. For instance,

1. The general duty nurse who did so hope to keep her date, if only that typhoid hadn't hæmorrhaged and she just couldn't leave.
2. The institutional nurse who planned to hear Kreisler, only at 7 p.m. Dr. Williams' slow drawl announced, "Well, I'm going to be pretty busy to-morrow, guess we'd better do that appendix that came in last night."
3. The private duty nurse who wanted to ride horseback but the new baby cried all night and the new mamma had hysterics to think of being left alone with only a maid.
4. The public health nurse who had missed Amos 'n Andy for several nights, and now to-night a threatened eclampsia shoots a headache.
5. The student nurse who was going skating, if only Dr. Jones hadn't come at six o'clock to put a cast on that fractured femur.

Being a nurse also brings to every one occasionally the unhappy feeling that after all most nurses in the homeland are by no means indispensable entities in a busy world. There are many others who can and do step in to our places and fill them almost as capably as the present occupant. This is by no means conducive to contentment, nor does it necessarily stimulate one to do one's utmost in making a success

at one's work. One is apt to grow petty and aggressive. One's horizon may become as wide as one's dinner plate, and a trifling line of local hospital gossip take the place of the interests and ideals with which one entered training. Perhaps the writer is maligning fellow-nurses because this was her experience; but we have all heard many nurses say, "Oh no, I'm not so good as when I began training." Without meaning to sermonize, we may say that too many fine nurses are drifting with the current and are unhappy because unconsciously or not they are not growing up to the best in them or using their ability to its full extent.

To sum up the two preceding topics: any nurse who has practiced her profession for even a very short time with any degree of thoroughness and conscientiousness realizes that nursing means sacrifice and that unless nursing entails sacrifice it is not worthy of the name.

To what end does a nurse sacrifice? What is the fruit of sleepless nights, of nerve-wracking rush day after day, of the endless rub of the irritations of the day? Is it gratitude of patients? One does not need to be cynical to answer a positive "No". Is it one's salary, satisfying as that may be? Never! unless one's ambitions are rather petty. Is it the satisfaction of needed work well done? Probably this is the nurse's chief reward. But satisfaction of needed work well done is rather a vague term, is it not? Can a nurse with the urge to excel be fully content in a sphere where her individual presence, or the lack of it, means so little?

Turn this earth-ball over and regard the opposite side. Nurses pitifully few and far between! If we in China could only show clearly on paper what is so evident here—the dire need for nurses from abroad, and the remarkable opportunities to be had here. Foreign medicine and trained nursing are not yet old enough in this ancient land to have produced their share of Chinese who are able to do all this work. The supervisory work, for years to come, must be done by nurses from abroad. To have a creative share in a new profession in an ancient land; to share with these eager bits of Chinese girlhood the rich fruits of education and nursing experience; to demonstrate how a single nurse can multiply herself, her knowledge and skill, her ideals and desires; what more can life bring?

There are discouragements. Primitive methods and lack of equipment must be endured in a measure. But the very difficulties challenge one's best efforts. The manner in which our students hang on our words, and strive manfully to guess what we are trying to say, makes us eager to continue to sweat over the fearful language. There is a real thrill in watching girls from outlying villages, or even the city girls, progress from the mysteries of a bed with springs, mattress, and sheets, to a

nonchalant (?) authoritative air as to the origin of tetanus neonatorum. Development under our very eyes.

We are apt to ascribe many of the benefits and privileges we enjoy at home to our civilization or to some other vague source to which we have not contributed; that is, if we wonder at all, and do not accept them as universal rules of life everywhere. When we are shocked as we are here at the lack of them—tenderness, sympathy—and see instead indifference to another's suffering, the unfortunate status of women; the unwillingness to exert one's self to help his brother, we are brought face to face with the fact that these arise from nothing else but the fact that Jesus Christ and His Spirit have not gone into the warp and woof of Chinese civilization. For this reason nurses coming to China must have the love of Christ in their hearts and must be able to demonstrate what Christian service and Christian nursing mean.

May we not hope that this will reach the ears and touch the heart of some one who will come over to help us?

The Obstetrics Department of David Gregg Hospital

LOUNG YUK YI, M.D.

THE work of the Obstetrics Department is more than to deliver babies in a modern way. It has one big work which is the "Prenatal Clinic" and the "Baby Clinic". This clinic meets every Monday morning and we have more and more women coming to it. We wish the women to come to us for examination several times before the baby comes. Some of them do this. But the large work is for the babies. These are not the sick babies but only the well ones who come every week. We measure them to see how tall they are and we weigh them. We also examine them to see if they have any sickness. Many of them come back with pacifiers and we explain what is wrong in this thing and we collect the pacifiers and ask the mothers please do not let the baby do that any more.

We tell the mothers to give the baby mother's milk but sometimes they cannot, so we help them to know what food is best for the babies. Some people are too poor and cannot buy any food for the babies, so we give them some. We teach them about cod liver oil and sunshine and try to help them to know everything which makes healthy babies, such as regular sleep time and feeding.

This year we have 175 babies in our baby clinic. If the babies are over eight weeks old then they go to the "Pediatrics Clinic."

The Field To Which I Have Been Appointed

MISS ETHEL C. REID

WHEN I was allowed by our Board to return to South China, as their representative, at the request of the Kwang Tung Synod of the Church of Christ in China, I did not know to which part of the field I would be assigned. There were three Presbyteries in which I seemed to be needed. However, the request of the fourth Presbytery was granted and I was appointed to this district, to have headquarters at Shek Lung, but to work throughout the whole Presbytery.

The Christian work in this district was formerly under the American Presbyterian and London Missions, but after the formation of the Church of Christ in China in 1919, gradually more and more responsibility was assumed by the native church, and in 1929 all the funds used for evangelistic work in this and other Presbyteries were handed over to a committee largely composed of Chinese leaders, but with the contributing Missions well represented. At the same time the duty of the Chinese church to assume more of the financial burden was stressed and they are making great progress along that line.

The Shek Lung church is entirely self-supporting and others are nearly so. There are over thirty churches, chapels, and preaching stations in the district. These are all organized with their own sessions, representatives in synod and so on. I hope that as the women's work is under my oversight that our W.M.S. will undertake at least some of the financial burden of that part of the work. There is a great shortage of women workers in the field and if we had support for several well trained Bible women and Bible teachers of better educational standards it would mean much in the work of evangelism here.

Shek Lung is in the East River district, about forty miles east of Canton city, and easily reached by train both from Canton and Hong Kong. The present chief official of the district is considered very good, and is trying to keep down banditry, so travelling is safer than in some districts.

Many of the churches are in rural communities, and the Christians belong to the peasant class. Scattered among them are many villages of Hak ka or "Guest" people, whose ancestors came from other provinces, and who still retain their distinctive customs, dialect and dress. Quite a number of the Christians in this district are Hak kas, in some cases the whole village having been received into the church. The opportunities for evangelistic work in this field are very great, and the prayers of friends in our beloved Church in Canada are asked for their representative in this field.

When You Think of Me

"When you think of me
Lift your heart in prayer,
For I then may be
Laden down with care,
And your prayer on wing
To the throne may speed,
Opportune to bring
Just the help I need.

When you think of me,
Lift your heart in prayer;
For in sympathy,
You my toils may share,
While my lightened heart
Shall pursue its way,
And my joy in part
Shall be yours some day."

—*Anonymous.*

A Bible Conference in Hong Kong

MISS ETHEL C. REID

HONG KONG, during the week of August 11th, witnessed a striking demonstration of the keen and reverent interest shown by Chinese residents, old and young alike, in the Christian movement. The occasion was the annual Pooi Ling Bible Conference, an interdenominational gathering arranged by the Protestant churches, which aims at the deepening of spiritual life amongst Christian workers. Ten-day conferences were held both in Canton and in Hong Kong, and this year's gatherings are the fifth to be held. In both centres, the meetings attracted wider and deeper interest than ever before.

The conference met at St. Paul's Church, Hong Kong, the speakers being the Revs. Chia (Nanking), Shing (Changsha), P. Hinkey and Silas Wong (Wuchow) and Leland Wong (Foochow).

The meetings were marked by profound interest on the part of the Chinese, the Church being packed to its utmost every day. Standing room was even at a premium, and so large were the audiences that for those who could not gain admission the addresses of the speakers were broadcast by loud speakers to large audiences in the court-yard of the church. The speakers held the interest of their hearers from start to finish by the earnestness and logic of their remarks, and it was noteworthy that so many of those who attended were young men and women.

Following the Conference, four evenings devoted to evangelistic work were arranged to be held in the Lee Gardens, admission being free. The first of these was held on Sunday, when the Gardens were packed. By the aid of loud speakers, the addresses were audible in every part of the Gardens. It is estimated that there must have been fully 10,000 people there and a feature was the reverent attitude of all present.

These gatherings were the biggest of their kind held in China. They were entirely self-supporting, all the delegates meeting their own expenses whilst at the same time contributing, with the workers generally, towards

incidentals. No appeal is made for funds, and on only one evening are envelopes distributed, the freewill offerings being placed therein and then put in boxes at the church door:

Say It With Firecrackers

IN America the associated florists have, within the last decade, promulgated a slogan that has caught the fancy of the public. It is: "Say it with flowers." All the varied range of human emotions may now be expressed, in the presentation of a bouquet of beautiful fragrant flowers. Love, joy, appreciation, congratulations, as well as sorrow, sympathy and heartaches may be told in floral tributes.

Here in far away China where gunpowder was invented, they have been saying it with firecrackers for many centuries. Zigg! Zipp! Bum! Bang! Bang! There they go like the rattle and din of the ceaseless tattoo of a machine gun. Somebody is saying it again with firecrackers.

Welcome or Farewell to Favored Guests

It may signify the joy of the host at the arrival of his honored guests. No sooner had the ricksha, bearing Bishop J. F. Dunlap, from the station at Changsha reached the gateway of our Tong Pai Lu compound than the air was split and rent with the crack and bang of a string of one thousand; and when the rest of the party arrived the air was still laden with the odor of burnt powder and the pavement gave mute evidence of the "heavy bombardment." From that day forward for the next three months in city, town and village friendly greetings and sad farewells were voiced by firecrackers. From Tungjen, Kweichow, to Shan Lu Shih, in Kiangsi, and all across Hunan the Commission was greeted thus. At Shan Li Shih, the seat of many firecracker industries, where we had been given a royal welcome by the church in feast and speeches the night before, we were "shot out of town" before daylight the next morning to the tune of ten thousand crackers, suspended from a pole, carried at the head of our procession of load carriers and missionaries.

Opening and Closing of Shops

Business men and shopkeepers everywhere use firecrackers in large quantities. In America an enterprising firm may hand to all its customers, on the day of opening, a carnation or rose, but here the shooting of many strings of firecrackers announces to the public, on the gala day, the opening of a new store or enterprise.

The majority of these shops are small family affairs and so serve not only as a place of business but also as the home of the shopkeeper's family. The idol shelf is found in a prominent place, opposite the

entrance. On it repose ancestral tablets or idols of various sizes and kinds, incense burners and often a nondescript conglomerate accumulation of odds and ends. To our way of thinking these family shrines are anything but attractive. Burning sticks of incense and firecrackers form a part of the daily round of ceremony, in many places.

Marriage Ceremonies Enlivened by Firecrackers

Among the varied sights we have seen in our wanderings through China are the bridal and wedding processions. A red sedan chair, entirely enclosed, borne by four carriers, often accompanied by musical instruments and a procession of relatives and friends, pass us on the narrow road across the rice fields. In that sealed chair, for the doors are locked and the windows heavily draped, sits a Chinese girl, a bride. She has never seen her husband, does not know him. She may be just a slip of a girl in her early 'teens; her husband may be many years her senior or she may be going into a family as a second or third wife. When the procession arrives the bridegroom will unlock the door and take her into his house.

On certain days, which have been proclaimed as especially lucky or propitious, one may see many wedding celebrations on a thirty-mile hike through the country. Ever and again, the feast and merriment will be enlivened by the shooting of giant firecrackers, the more the merrier. Many strange customs bind women in this great land. Christianity alone can bring womanhood into its rightful place of freedom and purity.

Burial Ceremonies Require Firecrackers

Not only occasions of merriment but seasons of sorrow, as well, demand the use of firecrackers. I am writing this while *en route* from Hankow to Peking. We have come from fertile rice fields in Hunan to rolling wheat lands in Honan yet everywhere the landscape is replete with mounds or half covered coffins. The cities of the dead are more populated than those of the living. Ancestral worship makes exacting demands upon filial piety. We have seen scores and scores of coffins in conspicuous places in Chinese homes we have visited. It is a sign of greatest respect and devotion for a son to provide a coffin for his aging father or mother long before he or she dies.

The burial of the dead usually takes place within five days after the death of the individual. Soon after the demise the priest is called into the home to perform his weird rites for the dead. Incantations and clanging of symbols, beating of drums and shooting of firecrackers and the burning of incense all have their part in the performance.

When the place of burial has been determined a procession will be formed, led often by hired mourners and accompanied by much show and

display, the quantity of firecrackers used will depend largely upon the standing of the family and the amount of money they may have to spend in the burial of their dead. It is not unusual for friends, whose home may be passed by the funeral procession, to send off a string or more of firecrackers in honor of the occasion.

Visiting the Firecracker Shops

It would be a most delightful time for thousands of boys I know to get a look in at one of these firecracker shops and watch all the handlings they must go through before they are all dressed up in their red and green wrappers and nicely beaded into the long strings. The smallest children in the home must labor all day at the task, father, mother and children, each doing some special part of the work, labor for long hours in the production of these universal noise makers which play so noisy a part in China's expression of joy and merriment, pain and sorrow. They do say it with firecrackers.

—George Edward Epp, in *Evangelical Missionary World*.

Books Old and New

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

THE Publications department is a hive of industry these days. Orders are flowing in for the new study books, programme helps and the Christmas needs. It is the latter that shall be featured on this page.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE LISTS will be made up by this office if you will send the ages of the children, and tell whether they are for boys or girls, and the amount you wish to spend. An inexpensive book makes an ideal present, and many such are on the shelves. These range from 15c. to 45c. in picture books and books for painting with water colors, and from 25c. up in story books.

CHRISTMAS SONGS FOR LITTLE FOLKS, a collection of carols, prayer hymns and motion songs for tiny folk, price per book 35c.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES:

Beautiful Christmas Gifts, an exercise including songs, 15c. per copy, \$1.20 per dozen.

The Wonderful Christmas Story, or

The Angel Choir, each 15c., or \$1.20 per dozen.

CHRISTMAS CARDS with suitable greetings, and also a selected Scripture wording, or beautiful religious poem, fill a much needed want. These we sell at 12 for 75c. per box, or in lots of 50 or more to augment funds the price is 55c. for quantity lots.

New Books

A TANGLED WEB, by L. M. Montgomery, is the long looked for novel on adult life from this well known writer, and a wife in a Canadian manse. The story concerns the gathering of a clan to hear the decision of the leaving of a coveted heirloom and it involves every phase of human nature, in as merry a summing of human character as we are likely to find for many a moon. If there is a very special friend you wish to remember in a very special way, this book will solve the problem. Price per copy \$2.25.

THE ROAD, by Warwick Deeping, will be welcomed by all who enjoy this author's fine style of writing. His new book is full of courage, tender compassion and contrasts in this furiously changing world. Price per copy \$2.25.

ZERA is not a new book, but it is ever new at Christmas time for it tells with poetic beauty the story of the Inn at Bethlehem from the point of view of the Innkeeper's son. Price \$1.00.

Many others are coming through, and a card addressed to the W.M.S. Office, Room 700, 372 Bay St., Toronto, will bring to you our catalogue, and other Gift lists.

DEACONESS DOINGS

Mrs. J. F. MacLean has been doing intensive work in Salmon Arm and Canoe, B.C., and took church services and Sunday School at Livingstone during Miss Grigor's vacation.

Miss Frances Blair, who with Miss Forsythe, carried on a rural survey under the direction of Toronto Presbytery, travelled an average of 25 miles a day, visiting Presbyterian families and giving addresses. In one district where there was no church, a Presbyterian woman opened her home to the 15 children who wished to have a Sunday School.

"From May to August I met 77 steamers, assisting the passengers in every way possible. They are so happy when spoken to and appreciate the smallest kindness. I also visited the newcomers at the Detention Quarters and the hospital. Several parcels of scrap books, toys, comfort bags, baby clothes, etc., have been received from Mission Bands. If the Mission Band children could see the joy of the boys and girls, British and foreign, over their gifts, how happy they would be! If the port work is to be effective, ministers, Welcome and Welfare Secretaries of the local churches and Auxiliaries must do follow-up work."—*Millicent A. Walker, Quebec.*

OUR LETTER BOX

A Training Class for Christians in Shek Lung

"I HAVE been on several country trips—the last was to Tsang Shing city and the nearby places. It is a beautiful part—a farming community and rather too far from good markets to be prosperous. Some villages are practically all Christian in name at any rate. I never met more hospitable people. They were eager to give me their best. Tsang Shing city itself is old and interesting. The church there is quite large, but the congregation is scattered, many of the Christians coming from villages quite far away. The work is in charge of Pastor Lau, and he is most faithful in looking after his flock, visiting 42 villages in all. There is a very good Bible woman. We were in Tsang Shing for the spring communion service. Nine adults and several children were baptized.

I am in Shek Lung for two weeks as we are holding an Institute, or training class for Christians. There are between 40 and 50 in attendance mostly from the country churches, and nearly all young people, all voluntary workers. That is they are eager to do work and are here to get a little training, as well as Bible study. Rev. Calvin Lee of whom I have written is in charge. The other pastors and I are helping. The Synod has sent a young Miss Lee and a young man to help also. They are quite good. To-day Mrs. Fisher has come to give a lesson, and to-night Miss Avis Thomson, whose father was for years in charge of the Chinese work in Montreal, under our old Board, comes to show her lantern slides of Palestine. I am giving a Bible course on Ephesians, trying to make it as simple as possible for most of the delegates have little education. Mr. Lee is taking up outlines of the Bible and also a course on public speaking, the preparation of addresses, etc. These dear simple country people take it all very earnestly and try to get all the good they can from the fortnight of study. They are all living in the church building, in what was formerly a school, and the young women and girls are in the room below my quarters. They are in and out of my quarters frequently and I am so very glad to get to know them intimately. They come freely for help in their Bible study and in the preparation of their addresses for Mr. Lee's classes. Sometimes they choose their own topics and sometimes he assigns them. They are very brave in being willing to try to speak in this way for it is a new thing to many of them, but, as they say, they must learn 'to speak for the Lord.' Some are new Christians and hardly know how to pray yet but all are anxious to learn. One sign of progress is the way they are so soon burdened about their unsaved relatives. Just as I began this letter a dear little woman, really only a slip of a girl, baptized in Tsang Shing

while I was there and who came out with me to learn some more of the doctrine, came to me and said 'O Miss Reid I want you to pray *now* with me for my people, for you know they are still in darkness.' I have been giving special help to her and some others who are just learning to read and it is lovely to see the progress they are making not only in reading but in spiritual things as well."

—(Miss) *Ethel C. Reid.*

A Garden in Manchuria

Szeping kai, Manchuria.

"MY garden is looking very well just now. The flowers are all in bloom, and vegetables are at their best. I am enjoying my own lettuce and cucumbers these days, had lots of spinach earlier in the season, plan to have carrots to-day. In a few weeks egg plant, melons, corn and potatoes will be ready for use. Sunflowers, taller than I, stand like sentinels guarding the pathway. Each morning the 'morning glory' is a fresh source of delight. The delicate perfume of some of the other flowers is most refreshing, after some of the stronger odors that penetrate even the brick wall!

We are having very pleasant weather, very hot during the day, but cool at night. I realize what a blessing that is after the hot sticky nights in the south, when one snatched an hour or two of sleep after 3 a.m. We have had severe thunder storms of late which cooled the air.

Last week we had the regular quarterly mission meeting. I had Pastor Chang of Tungliao and his son for two weeks. He has been ill in bed for over two months, taking all kinds of Chinese medicine, living in a small, hot, stuffy room, so I went over a couple of weeks ago, bundled him up and brought him back with me, and the young son to look after him. I turned my guest room and women's Bible class room into a temporary hospital ward. However, it was worth while as he began to gain immediately. With plenty of fresh air inside the room and outside, and proper diet he has recuperated wonderfully. He was with Miss Graham in Tungliao and evidently her mantle fell on him. He has a fine spirit and has been greatly used in the work."

—(Miss) *Luella I. Crockett.*

Queer Customs and Real Service

Szeping kai, Manchuria, China.

"THE strangest and funniest thing I've heard of late is this. Every night for quite some time, between ten and eleven o'clock a man has gone by our door blowing a shrill whistle. Both Mrs. Koffend and myself have wondered what in the world it could be! I thought at first it was an opium dealer, because I had been told, when living in Peiping, that the men went about with a whistle, supposedly on other business, but

really dealers in opium. But the other day I asked my Chinese teacher what it could be, and he smiled, saying: "That's the chap who will give you a good-night massage if your bones ache too much to sleep!" And sure enough that's his profession. He starts out at night about nine o'clock and blows this whistle until someone calls him to have their nightly massage. There's a chance for someone at home to start something unique.

For some time we have been thinking and planning together for a real bit of service. We all know that so few of the women in China can read, the difficulty lies in the language with its many characters that require a life time of study to master. We have been purchasing supplies that we need and hope soon to make announcement about it. Mrs. Koffend is expecting to start teaching some of the women to read. She will use the simplified method of only about thirty-six characters that have to be memorized and then they can read.

Mrs. Koffend and I are so glad to report that the work among the children has started and is increasing week by week. Each Thursday afternoon we hold a special meeting for the little folks, we have a room in our home which has been fitted up for this special work and the children are quite delighted to have a place of their own. The meetings are conducted along the line of a Junior Church. We beg of you to pray with us that this work may be blessed, and that further plans which we have in mind for the children may blossom as time permits."

—*Mabel and Joseph Koffend.*

Kindergarteners in Formosa Enjoy a Holiday by the Sea

Taihoku, Formosa.

"THERE is much that is encouraging in our kindergarten work, but the one thing above all others that gives me the most hope for the future is the fact that there are several girls who are willing to spend six months in preparation for future work in the kindergartens. Our present teachers are all doing splendid work considering that they have all had to start teaching as soon as they left high school.

Our three city kindergartens of Daitotei, Banka and Soren, usually plan to spend one, two or three days a year together. We have already had two this year, both of which were spent in a visit to the zoo. The third was a much bigger undertaking for we planned a trip to the seashore at Tamsui. Every one of the forty-nine children who went was in the happiest of moods from beginning to end. They certainly enjoyed the train trip but I think they really enjoyed playing on the seashore more. Most of these children come from crowded homes and have little or no playground space so it is a real treat for them to get to a place where they can run and climb and dig to their hearts'

content. Six mothers and sisters and one father went with us and even for them it was quite an experience.

In the photograph on page 206, June *Glad Tidings*, the steps on which the W.M.S. are standing lead into the church auditorium, below which are the rooms of the kindergarten. Directly beneath the steps is a sandpile for the children. On the right hand post of the gateway are the characters for Matsuyama kindergarten (private). It is the only kindergarten in which we can have the name written on the outside as it is the only one as yet with a permit. On the extreme left are the entrances to two typical Formosan homes.

In January we had snow on our nearby mountains and a large number of people went up to see it. Most of them brought some back with them. It lasted only a day or two, but it is the first snow that I have seen at such close range for several years."

—(Miss) Ada Adams.

Prayer

O GOD, our Father, we humbly acknowledge Thee as the giver of all good and the enricher of all life. We thank Thee that amid the perplexities of our day Thou art our Guide, and, that amid tumults and threatenings, our confidence is in the wisdom that cannot err and the power that cannot fail. In these days of anxiety may we all have that sure faith that will dispel our gravest fears and make us brave to face the duty of the hour. Give us quietness, confidence and strength to do our part. Graciously remember all who suffer and are homeless and hungry. As Thou art ever mindful of our needs and compassionate towards us, so may we be kind and generous to one another. Touch our hearts, break down our indifference, forgive our selfishness, and make it easy for us to come closer to people in tender sympathy, helpfulness, and love. Keep us faithful to our tasks, to our friends, and above all, to Thee. Fill with Thy holy presence the homes that are bereaved and the hearts that are desolate. Shed abroad Thy peace upon the world and lead all nations into the ways of mutual help and goodwill. Bless our Moderator and our missionaries. Grant us all strength for our work, fidelity to duty and faith that shall endure, and may we go forward in Thy service with courage, remembering that the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. This we ask in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

YOUNG WOMEN

OUR FIRST DUTY

LAURA K. PELTON

ANOTHER season's work has opened up, our groups are at work again. Young Women, if ever in your lives there has been a challenge before you, it is now.

The Missionary Movement stands as a great bulwark in the midst of the world's disturbing forces. Our Women's Missionary Society is a part of this bulwark. Questions are being hurled at us from outside. "Are the missionary women's eyes cast so far afield, that they cannot see the need and want at their own door?" Some may ask "How can you send money out of the country, with our own land full of unemployment?" "In the midst of conditions surrounding us calling for immediate measures of relief, can we as members of the Missionary Society do our share in this relief work, and yet remain loyal to the Cause of Missions?"

Whatever may be the superficial causes of the world's economic situation to-day, history teaches us that civilizations have suffered calamity through man's imperfect relation to God. Back of all other causes of this crisis is our indifference to God, and ignorance of Him and **His** way for man.

The Fact of the Cross is Mission's Imperative. The Commission of Christ is Mission's Authority. These stand through all the cycles of civilization, and challenge you and me to be loyal to the Missionary work of our church, even as we must meet other demands.

We believe that all problems of life can be solved when "man's inhumanity to man" has given way to his ability to see the value of a human life through the eyes of Jesus. This is possible only in the knowledge, and experience of God's Mind, and Love as revealed in His Christ, and our Lord.

The sharing of this knowledge is the fundamental work of Missions. We desire that men everywhere shall know, and experience God through Christ. We believe that as the East and West meet in a common understanding of God's love, and laws, then the principle of Jesus will be seriously applied to industry and business; between races, and nations distrust of one another will be removed, and God's Kingdom will be possible.

Because the Cause of Missions seeks first "the kingdom of God, and His righteousness" it seeks to deal with the cause of calamity, but is never indifferent to the hardships resultant from it. The Society to

which you belong is marching on, through these grey days, upholding the hands of our missionaries, because they are our representatives, and His ambassadors. They are depending on us, the people to whom they have gone are depending on them, and Christ is depending on us all. Young women, the challenge rings out to you. Your church, with its Missionary effort claims your first loyalty because its prayer is "Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Girls Plan an Original Programme

THE "Douglas Wilkie" Y.W.A. of Northside Church, Regina, put on a surprise programme for Miss Lily Macarthur after her return from holidays. They are studying India this term and in the lecture hall they had a scene to represent a street in India, with women in native costume, grinding grain; also a knitting class, and bazaars at which were sold flowers, sweetmeats and novelties. Then in one corner, curtained off, was the dearest babies' nursing home—"The M. G. Abey Memorial"—with two girls in nurses' uniforms in charge to explain and show the guests through it. The girls planned it all, and prepared three or four short papers on India which were read that evening. Guests were the mothers and members of the Senior Auxiliary.

Your New Study Book

"The Tide of Opportunity"—make it your study book for the year. Get busy at it at once. The programme should be arranged without delay. This book is comprehensive and should meet the demands of all young women.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

WITH November comes Remembrance Day and, although the name may be lacking in actual significance to teen-age girls in whose memory the year 1918 has small if any place, the heart will always quicken at the thought of the heroism and sacrifice now concentrated into the sacred silence of two minutes every eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year. In this connection, remembering the Canadian soldiers means remembering the Indian war heroes mentioned on page 32 of your study book. To the call of their country, they likewise made this response.

"I vow to thee, my country—all earthly things above—
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love,
The love that asks no question: the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best:
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice."

To-day there is another call to service for the peace and safety of this land. Read on page 367 of this issue, the crying needs of certain western areas and plan how your group may live up to Canadian traditions by lending a hand. It may mean the giving up of certain personal desires—but in return what a glow of satisfaction to feel that through your efforts someone has been clothed, comforted and cheered. There is the girl whose family has trekked many weary miles from the old home to the new North for a fresh start. There is the girl who must face the winter living in a tent or rough shack. There is the girl who is prevented from attending school through lack of shoes and sufficient clothing. There is the girl who hears her little brothers crying in the night because the covers are so few. What can you do to help? First and foremost, look through your own cupboards and bureau drawers. Perhaps there is nothing to spare, but your neighbor or the woman in the next street has a bundle for the bale if only there were some means of transportation. Supply that means! Then big socks with holes in the toes may be unravelled to make little socks with whole toes. Some knitter in your community will be glad of these balls of wool. The same is true in the case of made-over garments and patches for quilts. Some person has to do the ripping and sharp eyes, like sharp scissors, are best.

Preparations for Christmas

With all this on hand, is there any time for Christmas preparation, you ask. Probably there is more time than money in this particular year. Consequently, have you thought of making your own greeting cards? If so, why not work out some Indian designs for them and also for calendars? Then in planning the family gifts, there might be a place for moccasins. At one of the interdenominational camps last summer, the handcraft group featured moccasin making. The instructor was an Indian woman from a neighboring reservation, and the results were most successful. A pair of these moccasins with beaded C.G.I.T. monogram on the toes was exhibited at the National Girls' Work Board and much admired. If your group is not fortunate enough to secure an instructor, a pattern for moccasins may be obtained on application to our Publications Office, Room 700, 372 Bay St., Toronto 2. Price 5c.

Watch for announcement of new set of slides picturing Indian work of W.M.S.

Book Shelf

Services of Worship by Mrs. Edith Coulter; W.M.S. Annual Report, one is available for the Girls' Organization department of each congregation; "Shadows on the Rock", the charming story of old Quebec by Willa Cathers; "Mohawk Tales".

—M.J.G.

MISSION BANDS

A Message from Miss Soutar

Our nurse in India, who first heard the Master's call, "Go Labor in My Vineyard" in a Mission Band Meeting

Dear Mrs. Dill and Girls and Boys of the Mission Band:

WHEN I read the April *Glad Tidings* and saw that I was to be the one to represent the Mission Band boys and girls, it was indeed "glad tidings" for your nurse in the Bhil Field, India.

Our Bhil boys and girls are very like the boys and girls of other lands. They work, play and go to school. Perhaps they get up earlier than most of the Canadian children, for they must grind all the grain, carry water from the spring, cook their food, clean the house and yard,



The "M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home" and some of the men who were working on it. The Girls' Compound is next door to it.

all before breakfast time. We hear them singing as they grind, and the Hindi bhajan (hymns) are very beautiful.

We see the girls coming from the well, carrying the water-pots on their heads, if you think that an easy thing to do, just try carrying several large books on your head and see how quickly they fall off. This work makes them very graceful, and one envies them their indifference to their burden. They will stop and talk and never seem to think that the water-pot might fall from their heads, strange to say, it never does.

In school, the boys and girls are much more noisy than you, for they all study out loud. How they can think, I do not know, but the one who can speak the loudest is apparently the best student.

They are very happy when well, and enjoy the rough life which the Indian people are accustomed to from birth, that is sleeping on the floor, or out on the grass, with only a rough blanket around them, and perhaps their shirt rolled up for a pillow. When they become sick, they are very miserable. They cannot eat the ordinary food, they have nothing but a tin can for water, it stands on the floor beside them. Malaria has somewhat the same symptoms as influenza, the whole body aches, one is cold one minute and very hot the next, feeling thus one can imagine how uncomfortable a bed is, on the cement floor, with nothing between but a blanket.

We had a number of the boys ill last cold season, they were so uncomfortable, and we wished that the "M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home" were finished.

In April, it was necessary for Miss Douglas and myself to come to the hills for language study. What a farewell the boys and girls, teachers and friends gave us! The girls sang their farewell to us as we passed through the gate of the compound. How sad it made us to be leaving them for so long. But we are so happy now, for we will be returning to them next month, and as Miss Williamson did not take her vacation, when we return the Children's Home will be almost ready for those who have need of it.

At present, four of the little ones are ill, in Amkhut, how I wish I could be there to nurse them, as the mothers have so little to do with at home. But Dr. Panhalkar takes very good care of them, so I am hoping they are all much better now.

Miss Williamson is taking some pictures of the "M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home," also some of the children, and has one of Dr. Buchanan on horseback. But owing to the heavy rains, which come in June and are not yet over, she is finding it difficult to finish the film. I will write you again when I have started the work, and will send some pictures of the boys and girls then.

The little ones are just bubbling over with mischief, they all have such lovely dark brown eyes, and they twinkle and shine, as they play with their mother's bangles. I know the little ones who come into the Home will love the dollies that Knox Church Mission Band, Toronto, sent out with me.

Now boys and girls, I must close as we are busy studying for our language examination. I wonder if you would like to learn that verse which tells of our dear Saviour's love for the little children and which you sing about in Mission Band. I will write it in Roman character for you, and perhaps some of you may say it for me, some day, as the Bhil boys and girls say it.

Mark 10:14—"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

“Bálko ko méré pas áné do aur unhé maná na kro quónki Prmëshwar ká ráji aiso hi ká hi’.”

I know the boys and girls would like to send their salaams to you.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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CALGARY P.S.—The semi-annual meeting of the Provincial Board was held in Grace Church, Calgary, September 15th, with fourteen women present. The progress and problems of each Presbyterial and department were discussed. The various Secretaries reported marked activity in all branches. We have now 30 Auxiliaries, 34 Mission Bands, 381 Home Helpers, 3 new Life Members and 7 Junior Members. Nineteen exchange papers have been in circulation since the annual meeting, 683 pounds of literature and 185 hymn books have been distributed. Supply work is well in hand and Girls' work is opening up again. The Treasurer reported that \$1,239.88 had been forwarded to Toronto. The President, Mrs. F. W. Allott, presided and led the devotional exercises, assisted by Mrs. Harback, of Vulcan.

Mr. Peter W. Robertson, who is laboring in Canton, China, gave a vivid account of his work in that city at the September meeting of the W.M.S. of First Church, Edmonton. Mrs. McQueen spoke on the life and work of Dr. Caroline Macdonald. The quarterly contributions from the Home Helpers was \$73.00.

North Hill Auxiliary had charge of the devotional exercises at the Executive meeting of the Calgary Presbyterial. Miss Muldoon gave a paper on the life of Dr. Whyte and Mrs. Finlay on the life of Dr. Caroline Macdonald. Arrangements were made for the Provincial prayer meeting and for Miss Lamont's visit in December.

Macleod P.S. semi-annual meeting was held in St. John's Church, Medicine Hat, September 11th, with a fine attendance. A welcome visitor at the meeting was Mrs. J. W. Dill, of Toronto, who is a member of the Council Executive and brought greetings from that body. Interesting reports were presented by the various Secretaries, and Mrs. Gardiner, a delegate to the Council in Winnipeg, gave a comprehensive report of the meetings there.

Edmonton P.S. held a sectional meeting at Vermilion on September 22nd, with an attendance of thirty-five. "Mending the Nets" was the subject of a most impressive Bible reading given by Mrs. George Scott. The Provincial President, Mrs. Allott, Calgary, gave a splendid address

on "Faithfulness". Mrs. A. T. Kinnaird, Edmonton, presided. Genuine satisfaction was expressed at the quality of the meeting throughout.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA P.S.—Although a summer holiday was taken by most of the Societies, interest in their work was kept up in various ways. In Victoria, warm greetings were given to several outside workers. Mrs. Robertson, Vegreville, and Miss Macdonald, Pouce Coupe, were guests of honor at a tea given by Mrs. Douglas, Presbyterian Supply Secretary, when many active workers were present. During the informal intercourse inspiration was kindled as the needs in our Presbyterian Residences, and conditions met by our field workers was brought out. Real and urgent issues for the W.M.S. to meet and sustain were made evident and the general feeling was more and better work under the sustaining power of personal prayer and effort.

Mrs. Wright, of Grande Prairie, who was visiting her mother in Victoria, was an interesting speaker at several meetings. Her talk at Knox Church mid-week meeting abounded in appeal for personal service and consecration.

Work for the winter season is being taken up. The "Joseph McCoy" Mission Band, of Knox Church, held an enthusiastic meeting, with 35 members present. Representatives from the W.M.S. and parents brought the number to 48. Mrs. Dempsey, a delegate to the Council meeting, gave a talk which held the attention. Mrs. Patterson, the leader, also spoke. New mite boxes and a nice treat were joyfully received at the close. This is a live Band of good workers.

The "Goforth" Band of St. Andrew's met and planned their winter's programme. The "Goforths" are all girls, active and industrious, and are being trained by their leader, Mrs. Fuller, to realize the importance of their part in mission work. Their last year's work was notable, they expect, however, to surpass it next year.

Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, has been spending some time in the Kootenay Presbyterian, and did work in the Kamloops-Okanagan Presbyterian during October.

Mrs. J. F. MacLean, itinerating deaconess, spent some time in the Interior of the Province, looking up scattered Presbyterian families and helping in other ways. Reporting on a recent visit to Tranquille Sanatorium, Mrs. MacLean says the patients say they look forward anxiously for the arrival of copies of the *Glad Tidings* which are supplied each month by the Auxiliaries of the Presbyterian.

Reports tell of Auxiliaries, Girls' Guilds and Mission Bands all making plans for a busy fall and winter season.

Under the auspices of the Provincial W.M.S. a reception was held, August 28th, in Fairview Church, Vancouver, in honor of Mrs. G. W. Mackay, who was returning to her work in Formosa, and Miss Isabel Taylor, who was going out to Formosa for the first time, to take charge of the music in our schools there. Mrs. G. W. Ledingham presided. A delightful talk on her work was given by Mrs. Mackay. Miss Taylor also spoke briefly.

A mass meeting, held in Central Church, Vancouver, September 11th, was addressed by Rev. Allan Reoch, who was on his way back to Manchuria, accompanied by his bride. It was a splendid meeting and Mr. Reoch's address was most interesting and inspiring.

MANITOBA

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The Late Mrs. Hunter

BRANDON P.S.—At Neepawa, Man., on May 28th, there passed away in her 83rd year, Mrs. Hunter, one of Manitoba's pioneer women. She was a Life Member of the W.M.S., ever active in its work and generous in her support. The Auxiliary would record their appreciation of this pioneer soul, who with others of her day, sowed the seeds of faith, love and hope, which we of to-day reap.

Superior P.S.—The C.G.I.T., Fort William, have reorganized with eight groups. They have patched four quilts for the bale. The S.B. Mission Band has started fall activities, sewing and making scrap books. They also patched two quilts. St. Andrew's W.M.S. spent a profitable afternoon quilting these four quilts for the young people.

Winnipeg P.S.—At the September meeting of First Church W.M.S. a very fine programme was provided by the Department Secretaries, each one briefly outlining her work for the coming fall and winter, and inviting the members' help and co-operation to the end that the Auxiliary may grow spiritually and financially. Copies of letters from Dr. and Mrs. Goforth were read, containing the good news of the remarkable way in which Dr. Goforth is recovering his sight, and giving a number of interesting and heartening details of the work in their field in Manchuria. One of the Vice-Presidents told of meeting Mrs. Herbert Marler, wife of the Minister to Japan, and in conversation mentioned the name of Dr. Caroline Macdonald. Mrs. Marler paid a glowing and affectionate tribute to Dr. Macdonald, stating that there was a deep sense of personal loss in the passing of this heroic missionary. She also related instances of how deeply Dr. Macdonald was beloved by everyone in Tokyo, and stated that no function at the British Embassy, Tokyo, was complete without her presence.

Acting upon the suggestion in the Girls and Leaders' page in *Glad Tidings*, Norwood Girls' Guild introduced the new study book around an imitation Indian camp fire. Impressive silence reigned as the group joined in worship, and the inspirational address given by Mrs. J. S. Flook will not soon be forgotten. Two Indian legends were told, and the game, "I packed my trunk" was played. The trunk was filled very quickly, and it was surprising how many more articles pertaining to the Indian people could have been packed in, had there been room and time. Discussion followed as to what changes for better and worse the white man is responsible for, and at the close every girl felt that she already knew more about the Indian race than ever before.

ONTARIO

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THE semi-annual meeting of the Provincial Board of Management was held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, October 1st and 2nd. Mrs. W. A. McLennan presided, and there was a good attendance. The Presbyterian Presidents told of progress in their Presbyteries, the work of the departments was presented by the Provincial Secretaries. The ensuing discussions were very helpful. Financial statements emphasized the need for earnest and united effort on the part of officers and members to meet our responsibilities. To lessen the expense of bringing in speakers for Thank-offering meetings, Auxiliaries were advised to make all possible use of the Exchange and Literature departments and of *Glad Tidings*. Mrs. R. C. Donald pointed out that legacies left for the work of the Society are put in a capital account to be used for new work, building or expansion. It is desirable that any legacies left be sent to the General Treasurer of the Society for use as stated. The Council meeting in Winnipeg was reported by Miss B. Armstrong, Mrs. J. Williams, Mrs. W. Ekins, Mrs. W. H. Mitchell and the President.

Addresses were delivered at the luncheon periods. At the first, Miss MacMurchy told of the needs met by our deaconesses, and also outlined the plans of the Church, in which the W.M.S. will share, to ameliorate the hardships of our people in the stricken West. The Supply Secretary, Mrs. E. Anderson, urged that all allocations be sent in immediately, so that this relief work may be undertaken. On the second day, Mrs. Wm. Rochester gave a delightful description of the meeting of Assembly in Scotland and Ireland, and brought greetings from the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Societies in the Old Country.

Guelph P.S. Executive reported that Auxiliaries were divided into three groups for Miss Pelton's addresses in the fall. The Treasurer reported receipts up to last year's.

Huron P.S. rally in First Church, Seaforth, September 15th, was

well attended. Reports were encouraging. Every Auxiliary, Y.W. Auxiliary, C.G.I.T. Group and Mission Band responded to the roll call. The President, Miss Jeckell, gave an account of the Council meeting and Miss M. Grieve described the camp at Kintail. Miss Pelton gave a forceful address on Mission Work in the Great West. A pageant was presented by the "Margaret Larkin" C.G.I.T. Group.

Toronto P.S. rally, held in Oakwood Church, in September, had as speakers Mrs. A. Hawtin, India, and Rev. H. MacMillan, Formosa. The evening session, in charge of Y.W. Auxiliaries and C.G.I.T. Groups, was addressed by Miss Jean Cowan, newly appointed Girls' Work Secretary.

Barrie P.S.—Knox Church Auxiliary, Midland, recently observed its 40th anniversary, with over 100 present. Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Jeffry, charter members, cut the birthday cake. The oldest members of the Presbyterial, Mrs. Cameron, Allandale, and Mrs. Geo. Wright, Penetang, addressed the meeting and Mrs. J. M. Wallace, Midland, outlined the work accomplished.

Collingwood Auxiliary, had Mrs. A. Hawtin, India, as speaker at their Thank-offering meeting.

Brockville P.S.—The Thank-offering meeting of Prescott Auxiliary had members from Brockville, Cardinal, Pittston and Ogdensburg Auxiliaries. Mrs. J. R. Hill, Ottawa, was the speaker and Mrs. J. S. Riddell gave a short address.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Chesterville, entertained Russel Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. A. Morrow, in August. A talk on the advancement of our Church since 1925 was given by Miss H. Jamieson, the President, and a paper on Christ's second coming by Mrs. McIntosh. Mission Band work was discussed.

Toronto P.S.—The Supply department, under Mrs. J. A. McClure, held "open house" in Knox Church, Toronto, September 29th, when supplies sent in were on display.

A Student Secretary, Mrs. J. D. Holman, 60 Walmsley Blvd., Toronto, has been appointed to assist Presbyterian students and nurses-in-training to maintain their connection with our Church.

QUEBEC

Mrs. J. D. ANDERSON, 108 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

MONTREAL P.S.—A largely attended meeting of the Executive was held September 18th, in Knox-Crescent Church, the President, Mrs. A. W. Lamb, presiding. Following the devotional exercises a resolution of appreciation of the life and work of the late Miss A. Caroline Macdonald, LL.D., was moved and adopted by standing vote, the resolution to be embodied in the minutes and a copy sent to Dr. Macdonald's mother. Mrs. Lamb referred to the great loss the Society had sustained

by the death of Dr. Ephraim Scott. Through long years this great Christian had been an unfailing example of faithfulness to duty. The Treasurer's statement showed a balance on hand of \$153, sent forward to date to General Treasurer, \$5,350. Encouraging reports were presented. Home Helpers reported gains in membership, Verdun, with 10 new members, showing greatest increase. Young Women's Groups, with the added responsibility of supporting their own missionaries are experiencing fresh inspiration for fresh effort. Supplies were received from 25 Auxiliaries, and 2 Y.W. Groups. Total value \$520.61, cash received \$124.65. Value of supplies sent out to date \$383.33. Eight hospital visits were paid by Welcome and Welfare department. A new Auxiliary was organized at Crystal Falls and a Mission Band at Ormstown with 22 children present at the first meeting. Four Honorary Memberships, 13 Life Memberships, 4 In Memoriam Certificates and 14 Junior Certificates were issued. Following an instructive address by Rev. R. DePierro, of the Italian Presbyterian Mission, the meeting was closed with prayer.

A successful sectional meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Melbourne, September 17th. The Vice-President, Mrs. A. G. Stalker, presided. The reports showed a deep interest and growing knowledge of our work. The speaker, Mrs. O. R. Campbell, Montreal, gave a soul stirring address, "Echoes from W.M.S. Council Meeting in Winnipeg". In her closing remarks she pleaded for more earnest, prayerful, consecrated service, that our work may go forward and the cause of Christ be glorified.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEachern, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

REGINA P.S.—On September 14th, Mrs. J. W. Dill, Council Mission Band Secretary, addressed a large number of children and their mothers from the Mission Bands of North Side Church and First Church, Regina. A great many children from Eastview S.S. were also present. One only needed to look into the faces of the children to realize how much they were enjoying Mrs. Dill's message. Mrs. Dill also addressed meetings at North Side Church and Eastview Sunday School. The missionary women of the Presbyterian churches in Regina were delighted to have the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Dill at a number of social gatherings arranged in her honor.

On September 20th, the W.M.S. of First Church, Regina, held an impressive service in memory of Dr. Caroline Macdonald, when her life in its many phases was reviewed. Early in September the Provincial Executive met to make plans for the fall work.

Miss P. B. Lamont, who spent the first two weeks of September in the Regina and Prince Albert-Saskatoon Presbyterials, left the middle

of the month for British Columbia. Her many friends and fellow workers will be pleased to welcome her back to Saskatchewan.

Mr. G. W. Mackay, Principal of the Middle School, Tamsui, Formosa, a senior missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in the Formosan Mission, addressed meetings at Eddy, Strasbourg and Dunkeld of the Arlington Beach Mission Field, on Sunday, August 16th. He spoke of the beauties of the Island and of the primeval forest which covers 70 per cent. of the land. Owing to the fact that these forests have been inhabited by the head hunters, they have never been hewn down. He stressed the steady advance of the Lord's work in Formosa and also the great need of more workers. Mr. and Mrs. Mackay and three of their five children, Ross, Isabel and Margaret, were the guests of Mrs. Mackay's brother, David Ross, while at Strasbourg. They are returning to Formosa after a year's furlough spent in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Mackay next visited Mrs. Mackay's sister, Mrs. F. J. Fyfe, at Sturgeon Valley, Sask., and sailed by the *Empress of Asia* from Vancouver, for Formosa. The two older children, Anna and Leslie, remained in Toronto to finish their education. Mrs. Mackay is an old timer of the Strasbourg district, having come there with her mother, Mrs. Anna Ross in 1907. She taught for a number of years in this district. Mrs. Mackay addressed a large gathering in Strasbourg on August 17th. Mrs. John McKenzie, President of the Auxiliary, presided. Mrs. Mackay urged all present to be faithful door-keepers in the Master's service.

Prince Albert-Saskatoon P.S.—The members of the "Cameron" Mission Band, Melfort, invited their mothers to be present at the opening of their first mite boxes. A suitable programme was given and a social hour spent.

The Presentation of an In Memoriam Certificate was an interesting feature of the meeting of the Kindersley W.M.S.

For Those Who Write Our Prayers

"I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION I and so many others feel of the work of the writer of the prayer in the *Glad Tidings*. It seems inspired and comes in touch with our needs and then presents them to our Father in such a beautiful way. It seemed to me that whoever it is that is writing them would be glad to know how helpful, comforting and inspiring they are."

Life Members

Ontario Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBERS

Huron P.S.—1; Maitland P.S.—1; Peterborough P.S.—1; Stratford P.S.—1.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Peterborough P.S.—Seals, blue, 2.

IN MEMORIAM SUBSCRIPTIONS

Maitland P.S.—2

A correction.—We regret that two names have been omitted from the Life Membership list. We now rectify the mistake—**Toronto P.S.**—Mrs. Margaret Jane McNaughton, Todmorden Aux. (April 2nd). **Calgary P.S.**—Mrs. Wm. Thornton, Knox Ch. Aux., Calgary (Dec., 1930).

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Ontario

Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—Pembroke Y.W.A.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO ANNUAL REPORT

W.M.S. Staff Addresses

Page 91—Miss Agnes Dickson's address is now—Apt. 3, 1442 Stanley St., Montreal, Que.; Rev. L. L. Young's address should read 263 Haradamura, Kobe, Japan.

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Provincial Officers—page 126—Address of Supply Secretary, Mrs. Ellen Anderson, should read—84 St. Germain Ave., Toronto.

Chatham P.S.—page 143—New President, Mrs. H. H. Turner, Leamington.

Hamilton P.S.—page 149—Treasurer's address should read, Miss L. E. Whittaker, 972 Jepson St., Niagara Falls.

Huron P.S.—page 153—New Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Rhodes, Calvin Church Manse, Exeter.

Temiskaming P.S.—page 182—New Liskeard Aux., Treas., Mrs. Lorne Kennedy; Corr. Secty., Mrs. W. McKnight; W. & W. Secty., Mrs. W. N. Macdonald, all of New Liskeard.

Toronto P.S.—page 183—Girls' Organizations Secty., Mrs. Booth, new address, 3 Nealon Ave., Toronto; Life Membership Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Thompson, new address, 255 Glendonwyne Rd., Toronto.

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Quebec P.S.—page 201—Corr. Secty., Mrs. W. A. Johnstone, new address, 75 Laurentide Ave., Quebec, Que.

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September 30th, 1931

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		Deputation	116.65
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Editorial

"Then pealed the bells more loud and deep!
God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail,
The right prevail.
With Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."—*Longfellow.*



OUR Moderator, Rev. W. G. Brown, M.A., B.D., of Saskatoon, has sent out a stirring message to the ministers, members and adherents of our Church to a great forward movement. With the candor and courage which are characteristic of him, Mr. Brown states frankly, that our Church has a deficit of \$180,000 and that, as a result of this, the Board of Administration has cut our Church's allocation for mission work \$80,000. At the same time, he absolutely refuses, as Moderator of the great Presbyterian Church, to sound a retreat or desert the missionaries whom the Church has pledged herself to support. Instead, he calls on his people to take **one step forward for Christ and His Church**, and states that if every member and adherent would contribute \$1.00 the deficit would be wiped off. This plan was considered by our Executive and goes out to our constituency with the prayer that our women will join in this forward step, for the members of the W.M.S. have always maintained that their church comes before the W.M.S.

Christmas is the birthday of our Lord. What gift have you planned to give Him? Why not include in your list a dollar for the deficit, as our Moderator suggests?

THE appeal of the Church for supplies for the dried out area in western Canada is meeting with a hearty response. Already 104 bales have been shipped from Knox Church, Toronto—the headquarters for Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes—to what is termed the relief area in southern Saskatchewan. Each bale sent out weighs 175 to 180 pounds and contains suitable clothing for men, women, boys, girls, and babies, underwear, boots and, always, three quilts. What is most needed now is clothing for boys.

It must be remembered that the supplies which our people are now sending are in addition to the supplies which the W.M.S. women have sent in for their institutions, Indian reserves and mission fields.

As was stated in the November issue, our Church is co-operating with the Government and Red Cross agencies in their measures for relief and Mrs. H. R. Horne, of Regina, is our Church's representative on the Government Relief Commission. No Church could have wiser distributors or more capable representatives at the headquarters or packing centres than has the Presbyterian Church.

THE World Day of Prayer will be observed on February 12, 1932.

The observance of this day not only promotes friendly intercourse between women of all classes and creeds, but increases understanding and sympathy for the needs of others and must, in time, prove a powerful influence on the great movement for universal peace. Let us from now until February 12th, prepare our hearts for that great day when together, or in the quiet of our own homes, we shall follow the same programme and pray together for all fellow women workers of whatever color or clime and for their work in the evangelization of the world.

THE Council Executive, after consultation with the different Provincial Boards, decided that, from now on, instead of having an exclusively Presbyterian Day of Prayer in January, the first meeting of all our branches in the New Year be largely one of intercession. For this service a suitable programme was to be provided and appear in the December *Glad Tidings*. It was learned later, that Ontario had, according to past custom, already arranged a programme for her members and the Council Executive decided to avail themselves of it and to direct those Auxiliaries which wish to observe this service of intercession to page 433 of this issue.

"CECILIA JEFFREY" Indian Residential School has 126 children in residence, 60 boys and 66 girls, and more are expected as a result of Mr. and Mrs. Byers' visit to the reserves. The party also included Miss Carruthers, who took a supply of medicine and clothing, Rev. W. L. Atkinson, who held services at each place visited, and four boys and four girls with their band instruments.

WE extend our congratulations to Miss Hildur Hermanson, who has successfully passed her examinations in the midwifery course in the Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, England. Miss Hermanson is now thoroughly equipped for work in Formosa to which field she has been appointed.

THE renewal order forms for *Glad Tidings* were sent out in October, together with copies of "Do You Know What We Are Doing?" and that charming little poem, "The Steady Subscriber." We would urge that an earnest effort be made to renew all former subscriptions and to secure as many new subscribers as possible. Our objective is still 25,000 and we have not nearly reached that number. Every W.M.S. woman should have a copy of the magazine and every woman in the Church should be encouraged to take it.

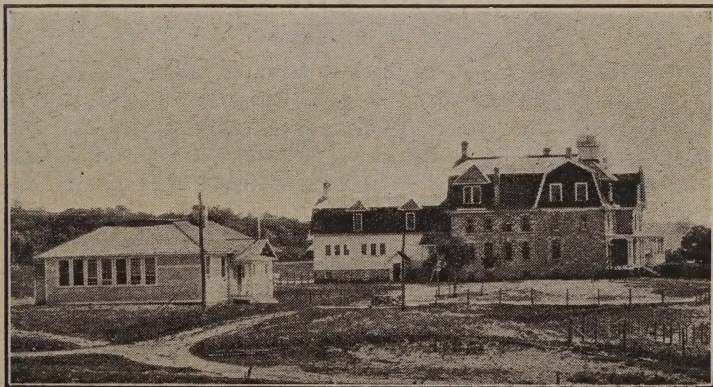
WE would commend to the attention of our Auxiliaries the Life Membership Roll and would suggest that all branches purchase one, have it framed and hung in the room where the Auxiliary meets, and thus honor the members who are devoting life allegiance to the W.M.S.

"Birtle Indian Boarding School"

Historical Sketch

"BIRTLE Boarding School was first opened as a day school in 1883, with Mr. Burgess as its first teacher. It was raised to a boarding school in 1888 with Mr. G. McLaren and Miss McLaren as its staff. At first it was located in a rented building and afterwards in a new substantial stone structure to which an addition was later added and the school placed in Grade A.

Two men and four women comprised the staff at that time. There were 30 acres of mission property around the school which, with 28 adjoining acres, rented for years, provided the school with vegetables and the



Birtle Indian Boarding School, Manitoba, erected by the W.M.S. in 1893

cattle with food. A farm of 160 acres was later purchased. It was a couple of miles from the school and too far to be entirely satisfactory. The water supply, always a difficult problem in the west, was solved through the kindness of the Canadian Pacific Railway officials allowing the school to be connected with the water tank at their station." Now there stands the stately new building, of modern architecture and equipment, significant of the partnership between the Government and the Presbyterian Church.

"The Reserves of Rolling River, Okanese, Lizard Point and Birdtail, are the recruiting ground for the Birtle School. Birdtail, the reserve most closely connected with Birtle School, is on the western border of Manitoba. The Indians are of the Sioux tribe and non-treaty. They were refugees from across the line after the Minnesota massacres of 1862. A native Sioux minister, Rev. Mr. Soloman, visited them from the American Presbyterian Mission after they had found a home, and, at their request, was finally appointed to our Church in 1877 as their permanent missionary. He died a few years later, but the work has grown steadily until to-day Birdtail is a Christian reserve. It is about six miles square. The land is good and the Indians are prosperous farmers. The church built by themselves is the pride of the congregation. There you will see every Sunday a typical Indian congregation." The name of John Thunder, that wonderful Indian missionary, will ever be associated with Birdtail Reserve, and the name of Mrs. John Thunder with the Auxiliary of which she was President.

In the care of the reserves the W.M.S. gladly assists the Church by supplying clothing and comforts for the aged, the sick and little children.

The New Indian Residential School at Birtle

MR. H. B. CURRIE

THE new Birtle Indian Residential School is located on the north side of the Birdtail River, on an elevation of some 100 feet, and overlooking the town of Birtle and the Birdtail Valley. On our property and only a few hundred yards distant is the Birtle station. As this is the Canadian Pacific line from Winnipeg to Edmonton there is good train service.

The School has a frontage of 180 feet, with a depth of 150 feet. The building is of brick with cut stone finish, it has concrete floors and is fireproof. There is a basement, ground, first and second floors.

In the basement there are two wash rooms, one for boys, one for girls, two large play rooms, dining rooms for the staff and 150 pupils, kitchen, dairy, bakery, kelinator, laundry, equipped with washer, extractor, dryer, stationary tubs, heating plant, two low pressure steam

boilers, one high pressure steam boiler for laundry, one jacket heater for supplying hot water throughout the building, also the pump room which is equipped with electric pumps, pressure tank, chlorinator and filter. Power and light are secured from Birtle hydro plant.

The ground floor has three class rooms, and a chapel large enough to hold 200 people, office, sitting rooms, staff rooms, sewing room with four new Singer machines, and living rooms.

The first floor has five staff rooms, bath rooms, two dormitories that will hold 35 beds each, store rooms, hospital, boys' ward, girls' ward, sun room, dispensary with a trained nurse in charge.

The second floor has two staff rooms and two dormitories each capable of holding 28 beds. The dormitory space is for 63 boys and 63 girls.

The present enrollment is 63 boys and 60 girls. Without much effort 30 more pupils might be accommodated. Fifty-four new pupils have been enrolled since the 14th of August, 1931. Many of our pupils are in junior grades, but we also have a good sized class in grade VIII. Two pupils attend Birtle High School, one is taking up grade XI and the other grade XII.

There is a farm of 835 acres in connection with the School, but over half of it is only suitable for grazing. This farm provides a practical training for the boys and, at the same time, supplies milk, meat, poultry, eggs and vegetables for the use of the pupils. There are two up-to-date barns, one for horses and one for cattle, but our out buildings require the following to make them anything like complete—granary, vegetable store rooms, accommodation for pigs, poultry house, garage and farm implement sheds. A considerable amount of work still requires to be done on the grounds, in the way of grading, road making and decorating.

Warm tribute must be paid to the Department of Indian Affairs to whom the credit is due for providing us with this splendid up-to-date School.

New Indian Residential School at Birtle Officially Opened

MRS. J. S. HUTCHISON

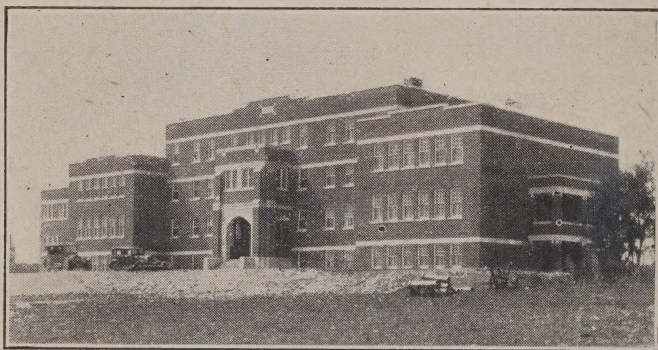
THE dedication and official opening of the new Indian Residential School at Birtle, Manitoba, took place on Thursday afternoon, October 29th, before a gathering representative of all the departments of the Church, many districts of the province, different departments of the Government, co-workers and friends.

Mrs. H. B. Currie, assisted by Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Manitoba

Provincial President, and Mrs. H. A. Robson, of Winnipeg, received the guests.

When the Rev. M. P. Floyd, Melita, Moderator of the Brandon Presbytery, took the chair the chapel was crowded beyond capacity, halls and corridors were packed and hundreds could not gain admittance. It was estimated that between 700 to 800 people were in the building. Many of the guests had come great distances, a number of the Indians from the different reserves having travelled 100 and 140 miles with pony and buggy to be present on this great occasion.

Brandon Presbytery was represented by: Rev. C. S. Oke, Brandon; Rev. H. M. Coulter, Neepawa; Rev. H. White, Birtle; Rev. W. J. Allen, St. Andrew's Church, Brandon. Other guests were Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D., Toronto, Secretary for the Sabbath Schools and Young People's



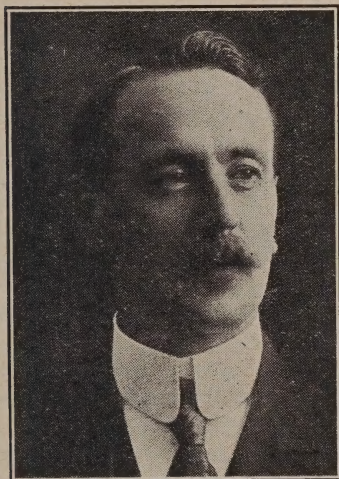
New Indian Residential School, Birtle, Man.

Societies of the Presbyterian Church in Canada; Rev. H. R. Horne, Synodical Missionary; Mr. E. W. Byers, Superintendent of the "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School, Kenora; Mr. P. G. Lazenby, Indian Agent; Mr. G. Williams, R.C.M.P.; Mayor Wilson, Birtle; Rev. W. J. Finch, Anglican Church; Rev. D. G. Lane, United Church; Rev. B. Gerdes, Baptist Church; Dr. Doyle, Superintendent Brandon Indian School; Rev. F. Ely, Elkhorn Indian School; Mr. E. Clayton, architect, Winnipeg; Mr. J. A. Glen, Russell; Mr. J. W. Pratt, M.L.A., and Mr. H. Hyson; Mr. D. Ward; Miss Winifred Yuill; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hudson, Kenton; Mrs. V. W. and Miss J. Campbell, Mrs. S. J. Wellwood, Melita; Mrs. E. Clayton, Winnipeg; Mrs. H. and Miss Hyson, Rossburn.

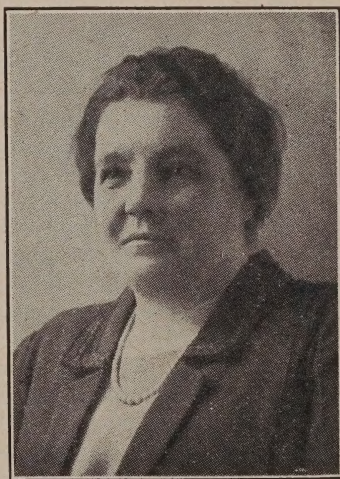
The Brandon Presbyterial of the W.M.S. was represented by Mesdames J. A. McDonald, H. M. Coulter, J. F. Leslie, D. W. Yuill, M. G. Abey, J. Baxter, R. J. Bullard, T. Douglas, John Gray, R. A. Hamlin, Forrest, G. Ferrier, H. White and A. Shewan.

The Moderator, Rev. M. P. Floyd, presided. On the platform with him were Rev. C. S. Oke, Mr. P. G. Lazenby, Rev. B. Gerdes, Mr. E. W. Byers, Dr. J. A. Doyle, Rev. F. Ely, Rev. D. G. Lane, Dr. W. M. Kannawin, Rev. H. R. Horne, Rev. H. White, Rev. W. J. Allen, Mayor E. J. Wilson and the Principal H. B. Currie, Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Mrs. H. A. Robson, Mrs. J. A. McDonald.

The meeting opened with the singing of the Doxology, and prayer by the Rev. M. R. Floyd. The school children, resident in the building, to the number of 124, led by Principal and Mrs. Currie and their teachers marched to the platform, the younger ones leading, the older ones following, and sang "O Canada," with telling effect.



Mr. H. B. Currie, Principal



Mrs. H. B. Currie, Matron

Mr. Lazenby, the Indian Agent, on behalf of the Government, presented Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, representing the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, with the keys of the School, expressing the desire that work of the same high standard would be carried on as before. Mrs. Hutchison, on receiving the keys, voiced the regret of Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, of Toronto, W.M.S. Secretary for Indian work, at not being able to be present on this very interesting occasion, and, on behalf of Mrs. McKerroll and the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church, accepted the keys and thanked the Government for this token of their confidence in our Church, then giving the keys to Mr. Currie, the Principal, expressed the hope that under his guidance as Principal, the boys and girls would go from the School well fitted and with a sincere desire to work for the Kingdom of Christ among their own people as teachers, nurses and mis-

sionaries. Mr. Currie, in accepting the trust, expressed his desire to perform the duties of his office to the best of his ability, and spoke of the success of many of the scholars.

Rev. C. S. Oke read the Scripture, choosing 1st Kings 8 and Psalm 24, after which Mr. Floyd, the Moderator, solemnly dedicated the building to the glory of God.

Mrs. H. A. Robson, representing the W.M.S., presented the School with a beautiful Bible and Book of Praise, suitably inscribed, to be used in the service of the school.

Dr. Kannawin spoke of the young people and what they could do and expressed the wish to see every boy and girl a leader in the Sunday School and Church.

The Rev. H. R. Horne dealt with the threefold aspect of education for which our Birtle School stands: the caring for and disciplining the body; the awakening of the mind and furnishing it with proper ideals; the bringing the spirit into living fellowship with Jesus Christ.

Greetings and good wishes were also extended by Mayor Wilson, of Birtle, Rev. W. J. Finch, Rev. P. G. Lane and Rev. B. Gerdes, Rev. F. Ely, Elkhorn Indian School, Mr. E. W. Byers, Dr. J. A. Doyle, Brandon, and J. W. Pratt, representing the Provincial Government, who complimented the W.M.S. on the Christian service and good influences wrought on the community by the Birtle Indian School.

Twelve girls dressed in navy skirts, white middies and red ties gave an enjoyable flag drill.

A most impressive ceremony was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem and the pronouncing of the benediction by the Moderator.

Mrs. Currie and staff served refreshments to all present, and a happy social time was spent among the visitors.

As so many Indian parents were much disappointed at not being able to gain admittance to the opening ceremony, Mr. Currie, Principal, arranged a second service for Friday evening. This kindness was much appreciated by the Indians and they turned out in great numbers, fully 300 being present. Mr. Currie occupied the chair. The meeting opened with the singing of the Old Hundred Psalm, after which Mr. Currie led in prayer and spoke from Micah 6: 8—"What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God." On this occasion the Bible and hymn book were used for the first time. Mrs. J. S. Hutchison and Mrs. H. A. Robson spoke to the parents and children. The flag drill was again presented by the twelve girls, and two girls played a duet on the mouth organ and guitar. Solos were sung by Mrs. Cote, of the Cote Reserve, Kamsack, mother and grandmother of some of the children in the school; and H. Norquay, Elphinstone. Chief Rattlesnake,

of Valley River, spoke in Indian, his remarks being interpreted meant, "we are grateful for all that is being done to our children and deep in our hearts is thankfulness and whatever they may become we know is the will of God." Councillor Shanacopps, Rolling River, also spoke. The children sang "O Canada" and the service closed with the benediction and the National Anthem.

As the children left the platform Mrs. Robson presented each one with a gift of candy and Mr. Currie added an apple for each. The children's eyes just twinkled with glee at this delightful and unexpected gift, and the parents returned to their tepees well pleased and happy over this second meeting.

Indian Guests at Birtle

MRS. H. A. ROBSON

THE opening of the Birtle School was a great success. Everything passed off well and the school looked spotless. The Indians arrived a couple of days before the opening, and we counted 35 tents across the track behind the new school and 10 or 15 more down by the old school, which Mr. Currie let them use as there was a stove there.

The children were all so excited, and when the opening services were over tea was served from the third class room which is not in use. They had cake and sandwiches in abundance and about 150 Indians were served in the children's dining room. Then a number of the parents wanted their children "home" (home being the tent) with them and Mr. Currie was kept busy giving permission to the pupils to go with their parents.

At the table, Friday noon, the staff were discussing whether the children were to have a Hallowe'en party. A vote was taken, and the decision was to have the children in the Chapel in the evening, and to ask their parents, and repeat the flag drill, as many of the Indians were so disappointed that they did not see it the previous day.

So, Friday afternoon we drove to the Indian encampment and visited 25 tents. At the first one the squaw was making bannock at an open fire. As we went along we gave the invitation to the party at eight o'clock. At one tent two Indian women, who were ex-pupils, surprised us by saying, "Are you the ladies we read about in the *Glad Tidings*?" At another tent two bright women talked such good English I asked them what school they had attended, and they said "Regina", and it was in Mr. Angus McLeod's time, whom I knew so well, and one of them said, "Do you ever hear anything of Mrs. McLeod?" In one tent they had an old wash boiler turned upside down and a damper made in the front, a lid on top and a pipe, in another, a real tepee, had a fire on the ground in the middle of the tent and the smoke going through the opening at the top. There were several chiefs, and on Friday night Chief Rattlesnake spoke.

The Shining Trail

This paper was given by Mrs. R. M. Patterson, of Luseland, at the Annual Meeting of the Prince Albert-Saskatoon Presbyterian.

THERE is an old Indian legend concerning a great chief named Clote Scarp. From boyhood he had been filled with a great longing for something better than the sordid life about him. At last, the yearning in his heart took shape and, one evening at sunset, he turned his back upon all that was low and mean, launched his canoe, and sailed away, straight up the pathway of the sun, singing his song of freedom.

“And Clote Scarp sailed and sang,
Till the canoe grew little like a bird,
And black, and vanished in the shining trail.”

The Shining Trail is the eternal road of achievement, the road of inspiration, and, like the road that Clote Scarp took, it always leaves on the shore behind the false and the mean and the selfish.

What gallant barques have sailed forth in the past! “Slavery is to be the question of the future,” said Abraham Lincoln, “And somehow I feel I shall have a hand in its settlement”. He launched his vessel and sailed straight for the port of “Freedom for the black man.”

Livingstone had a vision of the smoke of a thousand villages curling up into the sultry African sky, and he started out on the Shining Trail that was to lead to the healing of the “Open sore of Africa.”

Dr. Robertson, our missionary statesman, who in 1881, was appointed Superintendent of all mission work at that time in the West, followed the Shining Trail. Many times, humanly speaking, the trail was dark and lonely, yet he travelled, not in a comfortable pullman car, but on horseback, from one settler's cabin to another, and often they were many miles apart, bringing with him the message of peace and love as it is found in Christ Jesus. Dr. Robertson found the church in the east inclined to be indifferent to the needs of the west, yet his voice never ceased, until he had aroused the east to action. He had a vision of what it would mean when the thousands of acres, that were then in their wild state, were under cultivation, and cities, towns, villages and farm homes, covered the vast prairies. He knew there was a great future for the west, he also knew there was a great work for the Presbyterian Church in Canada to do.

We have many others, both men and women, who have followed the Shining Trail, some in a quiet way, of whom we know and hear nothing. Others again whose work for Christ has been outstanding, men like Dr. MacKay, of Formosa, Dr. Wilkie, of India, Dr. Goforth, of Honan, Dr. Buchanan, of India. Coming to our own province of Saskatchewan, we

have Miss Lucy Baker, that pioneer missionary to the Indians, who as a young girl was willing to give up the comforts of home and come to what was then the almost unknown west to teach the Indian. Words cannot measure the work she accomplished.

When we speak of the Shining Trail, we think of a trail that is brighter than that of the setting sun, the trail which Clote Scarp followed, a trail whose light is Christ Jesus.

As we look back over the history of our Church we see dark spots along the trail, and the darkest to us was in 1925, when many of us would have fallen from discouragement, had we not remembered that the path of life is marked out for us by God, and that what is true in the life of the individual, is also true in the life of the Church. And we have found like David of old, that the word of God has been a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path. At the present time, in the life of the Presbyterian Church, we are again pioneers in the west, and may God help us to build on the true foundation as it is found in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We hear a great deal to-day about Canadianizing the foreigner, would it not be better to give more thought to Christianizing the native, for many men and women born and brought up in Christian homes in Ontario, are, to-day, living in western Canada indifferent to church and church work. This may be more noticeable in the small towns and villages.

At times we see fathers and mothers going to church and their children playing about the streets. It is unfortunate that we have grown away from the old habit of the family pew. We need the children in the Church; the future of the Church depends on them, and it is our duty to give them a Christian training, so that they may be able to take up the work, when we lay it down.

In many of our groups we do not have Mission Bands, as our numbers are few. But at our Auxiliary meetings, we have the girls sing, or play, or help to serve the refreshments, and make them feel that they have a part in this great missionary work. We may not be able to do the great things in life, but there is a work for each of us to do that no one else can do.

Some years ago when admiring a very beautiful building, a man standing near said, "yes, we made a good job of it." He was asked if he were the architect, "Oh no." What, the contractor? "No." Well what part of the work did you do? He said, "I mixed the mortar."

If we cannot do great things in the building up of our Church, we can help to mix the mortar, by doing the work that we find in our own town and community. And the mortar properly mixed is essential to the success and strength of the building. He who would follow the Shining Trail must toil strenuously at the paddle. But how worth while every stroke will appear when the great Port is reached.

Evangelistic Work in British Guiana

MISS SELINA CROPPER

This article deals with the work undertaken over a small area of the East Coast of Demerara.

ON February 20th, five services were held in connection with the World Day of Prayer, one at Better Hope where two congregations united, another at Triumph a few miles further up the coast, two more at Clonbrook and Helena, fourteen and twenty miles respectively from Better Hope, and one in the city of Georgetown. This is the first year that we have held these services. They were thoroughly appreciated, and our women responded with an excellent spirit. Wherever possible one or two took part, both in reading the Scripture lesson in Hindi or English, and in prayer. I was very gratified when one of the members of the class at Triumph rose, and although trembling very much, testified to the power of Jesus in her life which enabled her to witness for Him that day. The programme given in *Glad Tidings* was followed as closely as was compatible with local conditions.

In order to extend these meetings over a larger area than was possible in one day, services were held on the two succeeding Fridays, on the west bank of the Demerara River and on the west coast. Mrs. Cropper conducted three of these meetings, Miss Aird two and myself four. Thus we had nine altogether. It spoke well for the women that on these week days they laid aside their accustomed tasks and gladly turned out to the meetings. At one place the great majority present were non-Christians. We could not but feel that the Holy Spirit was blessing and sanctifying our efforts. Some of the women asked if these meetings would be held every week?

In my work visiting in the homes forms a large part, and there I come into close touch with the lives of the people and by advice and help strive to influence them for good. Visits are not confined to Christian homes, and oftentimes superstition and ignorance are met with at our very doors. Even among certain of the Christians superstition dies hard. A few years ago there was a very sad case of a young woman being considered the victim of an old witch, and treated as such. It was grievous to see the hold that this idea took on the minds of some of those we considered strong in their faith and convictions.

Visiting is sometimes done with the aid of the faithful "Ford" or on foot and even by boat. During one very wet season the road to be traversed was impassable, being simply a sea of mud, much trodden by cattle. I therefore had recourse to a batteau,* or flat bottomed boat, which took us up through the trenches, the occupants crouching under the low

*These batteaux are used for bringing the *padái*—unhulled rice—from the rice beds in the back lands down to the factories.

bridges, or stepping out on the bank while the boat, thus lightened, slipped over a submerged bridge (merely a plank) till we reached the home of the sick woman for whom the visit was intended. Christian or non-Christian all appreciate the visits of the missionary and we are given a kindly welcome.

Organized class work is carried on regularly and I am making an effort to induce the women to take a part in the devotional period. The class at Triumph is particularly encouraging. It is composed largely of married women with families yet once a fortnight they lay aside their household duties and gather for an hour's devotion and study of God's word. The young mothers sometimes bring their babies along if they have no one to leave them with. It is an understood thing that any member who is sick is visited by the other members. Once a month an offering is taken, and last year a table cover was purchased and presented to the Church on Thanksgiving Sunday.

One devoted member of this class, not the one previously mentioned, has an interesting history of reclamation and reformation from the evils of this world which tempted her sorely by means of riches and alcohol. Years of patient teaching and friendliness, and the unmistakable hand of God which stripped her first of her two young sons in a motor accident, and later of all her jewelry representing a few thousand dollars, made her realize the futility of this world's vain show. And now she knows her treasure is in heaven.

In January, I had the privilege of organizing a new Sunday School at Buxton, a village seven miles from here. Twenty-one children were present. They were very keen, and very happy when each received a Scripture card and Sunday School leaflet, or a copy of a Church periodical.

Practical Training for British Guiana Girls

MISS ELISE BARLOW

Miss Barlow is the Superintendent of the Girls' Training Home, Essequibo, British Guiana. She is well known in Canada, having spent some years in further study in the Deaconess Training Home, Toronto. She is a missionary of the W.M.S. (Eastern Division).

THE Girls' Training Home in Essequibo is being carried on in temporary quarters until the erection of the "Burns Memorial Home" by the W.M.S. of the Eastern Division.

We have ten girls in residence now but hope to accommodate about twenty-five in our new building. The girls come to us about the age of twelve and, as a rule, remain for two or three years.

The main object of the Home is to bring Christian influence to bear

upon the lives of our young girls. The Bible is taught regularly and morning and evening prayers are conducted. Our time table consists of a variety of items, laundrying, cooking, sewing (plain and fancy work). The girls are taught to cut out and make their own garments. They love to sew and many people in Canada would be surprised to see the nice work they do. Some book work is also taught.

Our girls are usually drawn from village homes, where girls lead a very simple life, and we are trying to fit them to be good Christian women so that when they return to these simple homes they will be fitted for the life they have to lead, and will be living examples to the women and girls in their village or community.

Mahodon, one of our Training Home girls, was the daughter of a catechist. She was taken into the Home as a young child and remained there some years. Much

patience was needed in dealing with her, but she responded to the teaching and was afterwards one of our best girls. She left our Home and returned to her village life and three years ago was married to one of our Christian boys. She has a dear wee baby of her own and is able to sew for herself and baby and be a good housewife.



Washing Day at Girls' Training Home.
Miss Barlow Supervising

It is a joy to visit her. She often speaks of the help she got in the Home and is very grateful for all she learned there. We hope that her life as a Christian woman will influence those around. Our girls marry very young. Mahodon is now only about twenty years of age.

All our girls do not come from such good Christian homes, in many cases our Training Home is a salvation to the girl herself as well as preparing her to be a help to others. One girl was taken from a home of evil living and made a good response to the influence of the Home. She is now a capable, clean, tidy girl, and, on her own initiative, connected herself with the Church.

We have a little orphan girl in the Home, Ruth Jawahir. She lost both her parents about three years ago. Her father was one of our catechists. There seemed no place for little four year old Ruth so she was sent to the Training Home to be cared for. She is a merry little soul, and her little voice can nearly always be heard singing snatches of various

hymns, her favorites being "Jesus Loves Me", and "Away in a Manger".

The girls respond wonderfully and are very happy in the Home. It is gratifying to see how neatly they work and many of them do their laundry exceedingly well.

We have many difficulties and sometimes disappointments in the work. The general life of the community is of such a low moral tone that building up a Christian womanhood is a slow, heavy task, but we look to the Master knowing He will bless the work of winning these young lives of India to Himself.

Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, Formosa, Japan

DR. GUSHUE-TAYLOR

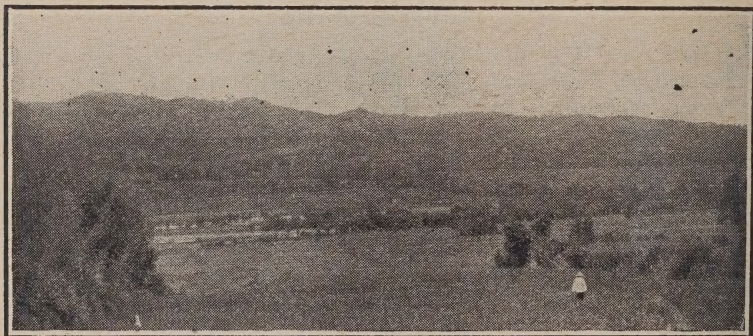
THIS letter begins, continues and ends in a song of thanksgiving that our hopes have been fulfilled, for after three years of searching over various parts of North and Mid Formosa, we have now realized our ideal in so far as a site is concerned, except that it is not so large an area as that for which we had been looking.

We have bought and paid for a site for Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, out of a grant of money made in 1930 by the Government-General of Formosa.

The place is to be a *leprosy* colony not a *leper* colony. From January 9th to 23rd at Manila, and by a "floating congress" at other places in the Philippine Islands, was held The Leonard Wood Memorial Conference on Leprosy, of which conference I had the honor of being elected secretary. Attending as guests of The Leonard Wood Memorial were twenty-three medical men from five continents, among them being leaders of outstanding ability in anti-leprosy effort, also the president and secretary of Leprosy Commission, League of Nations. One decision arrived at reads thus: "The term 'leper' is felt to carry with it a definite social stigma. It is recommended that the use of this term be discontinued and that 'case of leprosy' be employed." So in future writing and speech we should avoid the use of the word leper, and refer to our people as cases of leprosy or as patients.

The site is located in Northwest Formosa, across the river from Tamsui, about one hour and a half by boat and walk from that town, in a broad valley at the base of Mount Kwanon. It consists of 10 acres of land under rice cultivation and 36 acres of well wooded fertile hill land. It faces southwest, west and northwest, running at its base nearly north and south. It is sheltered in winter, from the cold unfriendly northeast winds, and in summer receives all the cool southwest

breezes. It has a boundary on the river bank of about 1,000 feet, and on the main road of about 300 feet. The lower one-fifth, facing the main road and river, consists of good rice land, the upper four-fifths of hill land also good. At the entrance it is 70 feet above sea level. The rice land rises gradually in terraces to the base of the hill which here is 90 feet above the sea. The next fifth of the property rises gradually, and is so shaped that it will be possible to build three rows of cottages at levels of about 140, 155 and 240 feet above sea level. Above the third row at 280 feet is a round shaped knoll which we have called "Round Mountain". This letter is being written from this point. The remaining three-fifths consists chiefly of forest, a few rice fields and banana trees. Parts of this forest are level for about 3 acres in extent.



Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, Formosa, Japan

The water supply is unique. There are about a dozen springs. From three chief springs water is flowing to-day at the measured rate of over 20,000 gallons in twenty-four hours. From one spring 1,000 feet distant and 90 feet above this round mountain, water flows at over 1,500 gallons a day. This can easily be piped to this place. No human beings dwell above this spring. It is possible to pipe by gravity over 4,000 gallons of water per day to all parts of the mountain where houses are likely to be built, and over 15,000 gallons to all parts at and below the level of the second row. In addition to this spring water, there enters at the upper right corner of the rice land, an aqueduct which we own arising from the river one-half a mile higher up, delivering now a stream of quickly flowing water a foot wide and six inches deep. This could easily be made into a stream a foot square. It is possible to obtain a fall of over 20 feet from this stream. I believe here is a power source for lighting our station. If this letter falls into the hand of any electrical

engineer or anyone who can give information on this point, I should much appreciate information as to the conversion of this water power into electricity for lighting purposes.

I have not yet seen any big rock on the site, but a beautiful rich loam which the farmers say is capable of growing most fruits and vegetables common to Formosa.

The view from the sides of the mountain is entrancing, and includes a vista across the river, of valley, river, mountain, and well cultivated terraced rice fields, with the sea in the distance.

Communications are at present defective, but this is being remedied by the Government who are building a motor road which will bring us within an hour and a half from Taihoku, the capital of the island.

The site was purchased on June 23rd, 1931. On June 25th the work of constructing the first cabin on Round Mountain began. In less than two weeks after felling the first tree, it was practically finished. The cabin is 12 x 20 feet, consists of one room which serves all purposes except bathroom which is under the canopy of Heaven sometimes on the mountain, sometimes in the river. The walls are of forest wood and bamboo slats covered with grass to keep out rain. The roof is of bamboo, grass and galvanized iron. The floor of mother earth. Before we get out of bed we have to look well around and shake out our boots in case a snake or other beastie has inhabited it during the night. This occurred to a friend of mine who put his foot into his boot to be greeted by a snake asleep in it. We have one door and seven windows which are a cause of wonder to the natives whose houses are largely without windows. I have on enquiry found nine out of ten consecutive patients declare that their bedrooms had no window. Condensed milk boxes make good cupboards and dressing tables. Being suspended from the ceiling prevents ants crawling over them.

A board of managers for the colony has been appointed, consisting of six Chinese and an equal number of foreign missionaries.

This enterprise as a small contribution towards the eradication of leprosy from the earth is now well started. Its beginning has been made possible by many friends at home and abroad.

I am counting on you all for support. There are estimated to be over five thousand people in Formosa with leprosy. There is only one hospital opened by the government last year with accommodation for one hundred patients. Please remember us in your prayers.

“O, Prince of Peace, Thou bringer of good tidings,
Teach us to speak Thy word of hope and cheer,
Rest for the soul, and strength for man's striving,
Light for the path of life, and God brought near.”

Our Deaconess in Poland Writes:

East Galicia, Poland.

Dear Mrs. President:

"**T**RUSTING you will be interested in our children's work, I take the liberty to write to you.

"This year, in April, Rev. Mr. P. C. Crath of Toronto, who is the leader of the Presbyterian congregation in Galicia, accepted me for missionary work. I was very glad to have the opportunity of serving



Our Deaconess (centre), and her Sunday School scholars

Christ among my nation. My service is very little in comparing with the demands and needs of the congregations, though I try to do all my best. During the summer time, I've been in the four vilages, where we had children summer Sunday school, also Bible clas for women. Visiting people in their homes, having a private conversation with them I learn of a great need to organize a regular Sunday School. We tried together with some women of our Presbiterial congregation to organize a W.M.S., in order to unite with all the women and children of the Presbiterial Church in service for advancement of the Kindom of Christ, all around the world. But we failed, with our own strength we can't do much. Now we pray

again God Almighty for blessing and we ask you dear Mrs. President for your help in our endeavors.

"Inclosed I'm sending the photo of children Sunday School in the vilage where I'm now. In spite of very cold days they are attending Sunday School lesson twice a week. A few of them got cold, for even now they are without shoes. We do not have any helpful Christian literature for the work, except one Bible. The elder children do not have Bible at all, and are not able to buy any. There are many other difficulties we have to face in our work.

"Yet we hope that God will help us to overcome all the difficulties, and we trust that you will come to our aid; asking also to join in our prayer to God, for advancement of our work."

—*Helen Servicka.*

Books Old and New

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

CHRISTMAS Suggestions are here for those intimate gifts that please, and for younger members of the family who seek entertainment as well as instruction.

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A TANGLED WEBB, by L. M. Montgomery, an adult book, very humorous, \$2.25.

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BELLS OF INDIA, by Ethel Cody Higginbottom, a lovely new book of stories, \$1.50.

LEAF OF THE LOTUS is our own Dr. Margaret O'Hara's book, containing her letters describing India when she first went out there. We are hoping this will be off the press by December 1st.

For the Boy's Gift

A number of books, in the following titles, ranging from \$1.65 to \$2.00 have been reduced to clear at 75c., while they last.

THE WAY TO BURNING MOUNTAIN or LEFT ON THE LABRADOR, by Dillon Wallace, 75c.

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The number of titles is so large, for both boys' and girls' books that we suggest writing in for the new Gift list.

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You Probably Don't Remember—

Stop and Think

Most of the presents have long since disappeared and you have forgotten the gifts and the givers.

But, if last Christmas you had received as a gift a year's subscription to the *Glad Tidings*, it would still be coming to you, and each month as you read it, you would be reminded of your friend that sent it.

If you are looking for a gift for a friend that will be appreciated and that will give pleasure for a long time and will not be forgotten, send a year's subscription for the "*Glad Tidings*". See announcement on outside cover.

World Day of Prayer

FEBRUARY 12TH, 1932

A CALL TO PRAYER GOES OUT TO ALL LANDS

"Hold Fast in Prayer"

- "ASK" —For a life of deeper spirituality that there may come a world-wide Pentecost.
- "SEEK" —For a life of world-service as church members "that the world may believe."
- "SEEK" —For a life of co-operation and unity among churches that the work of the Kingdom may go forward.
- "KNOCK"—That the world's door may be opened—the Gospel spread—the Kingdom established.

This Call to Prayer has been prepared by Sra. Elesa de Pascoe, Mexico.

OUR LETTER BOX

Glimpses of British Guiana

Essequibo, British Guiana.

"THE dry season in British Guiana has commenced, but an occasional short, sharp thunder storm clears the air temporarily, and then we all commence to steam! Soon we will not even have that relief, everything will be parched. We have been planting fruit trees in the grounds of the new Home, so that when the girls are in residence, later on, we will have a good supply of oranges, lemons, tangerines, mangos, cocoa, coffee and various other tropical fruits for them.

During August the Home was closed and the girls returned to their parents or guardians. I arranged for all the Jawahir family to spend the holidays together and only to return to me for the final week-end. I also had another girl with me for two weeks. She is a very bright child and wishes to train as a nurse when she is old enough. So that I had Veronica, Ruth and Marie for a time and they thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Yesterday the Home re-opened and this morning Veronica resumed her duty at school on Tiger Island. Our school is on the section called Hamburg.

We are sorry to lose Miss Murray and greatly regret that the ill health of her mother was the cause of her hasty return to Canada.

We have increased our wild pets of late. A large land turtle strayed into the compound and we have him on a long rope hiding by day beneath the water-vat in the cool. He is growing so tame and the three children were delighted to feed him on bananas, of which he eats

skin as well! Then a jaguar was killed a little distance from here and brought in on a cart by several natives. They placed him in a standing position against boxes, for us to photograph him. We also have a very large frog or "crapand" who nightly enters the house to catch moths "hardbacks" and the many flying insects attracted by the light. There are so many moths seen only when the lamps are lit. They are unimaginably beautiful in color, and shape, gold spots, pure white with scarlet underwings, startling black and white and others of a lovely pale blue shade with silvery lines.

Myra, of whom I have spoken before, is now past 17, the age for marriage amongst enlightened East Indians, and will not be returning to the Home. She was very sad at leaving. Her home is far up the Pomeroon River and her father lives on a coffee estate, but coffee brings such a low price, 3c. per pound, that it scarcely pays to pick and her brothers have all had to leave home and find work to help them live. Myra derived great benefit in the short period under Miss Barlow and her needle work is beautiful, similar to any convent work in Madeira or France.'

—Mrs. Fisher.

A Bandit Effects a Missionary's Release

Tamsui, Taiwan, Japan.

"IN July, a ten days Preachers' Conference was held in Tamsui. The Conference was an unusual one in that it was a union gathering of the preachers in the North and those from the English Presbyterian Mission in the South of the island. There were about 130 preachers present besides Bible women, visitors, and missionaries. The programme began with a 5:30 a.m. prayer meeting and lasted until 10:00 p.m.

After the Preachers' Conference, we went to Kuliang for a vacation. Kuliang is a mountain resort just across the Formosan channel where missionaries from all over South China go for a rest during the hot summer. This year there were about 400 adult missionaries and 100 or so children on the mountain top. It was most interesting to meet so many missionaries of different boards and widely varied districts and learn of their problems, methods of work and experiences. We were surprised to find what a busy place it was. Some missionaries were holding their annual council meetings, others were planning work for the coming year, a number were studying language. A language school with several teachers was in full swing every day. The missions all over Southern China are now studying the Mandarin dialect as the Government is trying to make it the national language and it must be used in all school work.

We also had a week of special meetings which is an annual event known as the Kuliang Conference.

Missionaries and native Christians in China are certainly going

through very trying times. We met many who had been captured and robbed by bandits, and some had been tortured and mistreated in an unbelievable manner. A large number have had their homes looted and have lost all of their personal belongings.

One risks his life to go into many parts of the interior of China. In some places the government is hostile to foreigners and anti-Christian. One might be taken as a spy by the government soldiers and treated accordingly. Other places the bandits virtually rule the country. In still other places the Big Knife Society is strong enough to overcome everyone else. The worst of all perhaps is the communistic menace which has its grip on many districts of China. They are always anti-religious, and anti-government. Their policy in every district seems to be to tear down the mission hospitals, churches, and other mission buildings, burn all land deeds to all land and property, and re-distribute all the land among the people. Wealthy people are usually held for ransom and all their property confiscated. If the nationalist soldiers go into a district that the communists have ravaged, the communists often disband for the time being and go to the mountains until the soldiers leave, and then come back and carry on their regime of terror again. Those who confess to being Christian are sometimes shot down without further consideration. The Chinese Christians have suffered untold hardships, and their lives are in constant danger of torture and death in many places. They need the prayers of Christians everywhere.

One interesting experience occurred while we were at Kuliang this summer to a missionary named Sites. He is a Methodist missionary who has been working in a bandit-infested area. He was captured by a group of bandits evidently with the purpose of securing ransom. Another bandit leader who had attended some of the evangelistic meetings held by Sites, and been greatly impressed by him, heard of the capture. Immediately he set out with his band to seek for the missionary. They searched the hills for days and finally found him where the other bandits had him concealed under guard. They took possession of him and even had a sedan chair in which they bore him away, and sent an armed guard with him until he passed safely out of the bandit territory and was on his way to Foochow. Seldom have missionaries received such protection and courteous treatment from bandits in China.

The missionaries now feel that they will be able to carry on Christian work unmolested in this bandit leader's territory. He may give them better protection than do the government officials and soldiers. At the Fukien Christian University near Foochow they have a rule that anyone who gives \$10,000 for the erection of a building on the campus will have the building named after him. Last year a bandit sent \$10,000 to the university for the erection of a building which is to bear his name.

It is a relief to contemplate the Christian work here in Formosa under the security and peace of the Japanese administration after hearing so much of the perils, uncertainties and perplexing problems continually before the Christian workers in China.

The whole situation seemed very distressing to us, but we did not meet a missionary who seemed discouraged or hopeless about the future.

—(Mr. and Mrs.) James and Lillian Dickson.

A Christmastide Prayer

GRANT us, O Lord, this Christmastide, thine own pure spirit of goodwill toward men. Come and abide, keeping our hearts from all disorder of hate and selfishness. . . . Hasten the coming of good will among all neighbors, between all nations of the earth. Make wars to cease. Let cruelties be ended and jealousies be laid aside the earth around.

LORD GOD of the solitary, look upon me in my loneliness. Since I may not keep this Christmas in the home, send it into my heart. Let not my sins cloud me in, but shine through them with forgiveness in the face of the child Jesus. Put me in loving remembrance of the lowly lodging in the stable of Bethlehem, the sorrows of the blessed Mary, the poverty and exile of the Prince of Peace. For His sake, give me a cheerful courage to endure my lot, and an inward joy to sweeten it. Purge my heart from hard and bitter thoughts. Let no shadow of forgetting come between me and friends far away; bless them in their Christmas mirth; and hedge me in with faithfulness, that I may not grow unworthy to meet them again. Give me good work to do that I may forget myself and find peace in doing it for Thee. Though I am poor, send me to carry some gift to those who are poorer, some cheer to those who are lonelier, since they have not known the friendship of Jesus. Grant me a chance to do a kindness to one of His little ones, and light Thou my Christmas candle at the gladness of an innocent and grateful heart. Strange is the path where Thou leadest me, but let me not doubt Thy wisdom nor lose Thy hand to-day. Make me sure that the Eternal Love is forever unveiled in Jesus, Thy dear Son, to save us from sin and solitude and death. Teach me that I am not alone, but many hearts, all round the world, join with me through the silence while I pray in His name: "Our Father, which art in Heaven."—Henry Van Dyke.

WITH THE AUXILIARIES

A Programme on Disarmament

JESUS, PRINCE OF PEACE

Hymn—652, "O God of Love." *Bible Lesson*—Is. 2:2-5; Matt. 5:1-9; Acts 17:22-28. *Prayer*—*Glad Tidings*, page 424. *Minutes and Business. Roll Call.* Psalm 41:1, 2, 3, 4, 6. *Short Address*—1. The League of Nations and Disarmament; 2. The Responsibility of the W.M.S. at this Time (See *Glad Tidings*—Oct., page 347; Nov., page 362). *Hymn*—74, "O God Our Help in Ages Past" or 70, "It Came Upon the Midnight clear." *Prayer. National Anthem.*

YOUNG WOMEN

CURRENT EVENTS

THE current events of to-day are out of date history to-morrow. Every young woman will, deep down in her heart, be concerned with the fate of our missionaries in China during the present troublesome times. As part of their foreign work, the young women are contributing to the support of Miss Crockett in China. With this in view we are giving you a few extracts from the war zone district:

"The night before last the first fighting began in the outskirts of Moukden when a company of Chinese soldiers was foolish enough to attack some Japanese who had been stationed for just such eventualities. It did not take the Japanese long to put the enemy to flight and the news spread very rapidly and, at Changchun to our north, fighting began and in several towns and cities, including Szepingkai, all the Chinese police were disarmed. Last night and the night before we could hear the boom of cannon somewhere in the distance.

Dr. and Mrs. Goforth had planned to go to Newchuang on the coast near Darien for some meetings but they found there were no trains for folks to go on so they did not get away. Yesterday there was some talk as to where we would all go 'in case' but though Darien was thought of it seems to me that right here is as good as any.

I do not think for a moment that this war, if it should come to that, would be between two nations only. The Russians have moved many of their vessels into the Sungari River which brings them near Harbin and you may be sure they have not gone there to plan a Sunday

School picnic. Never before have they brought their vessels so far from the coast.

All night long at frequent intervals the soldiers have been tearing by our windows on motor cycles and the Chinese are so excited they do not know what to do. Some want to go back south again but none are being permitted to get even to Moukden lest they join the forces there; the Japanese are not selling tickets to Moukden.

We were awakened this morning by the airplanes overhead. Our railway station looks like Toronto's did in 1914. The Japanese went to a Chinese airdrome in Moukden and took the switch-boxes out of over one hundred planes and made them useless.

Pray that we may be wise these days." —*Joseph and Mabel Koffend.*

"Although the struggle clouds hover over us so thickly and the spirit of fear and unrest is in the very air, yet the work goes on. Our Sunday services at all centres are as well attended as in times of peace. The street chapels are all kept open and the Gospel is being preached. Dr. Goforth is holding special meetings at Chengchiatun, a large important railway junction. He writes of good attendance and of the Christians being 'cheered and comforted' by his coming at this time."

—*Rosalind Goforth.*

The most vital summing up of the whole eastern situation for those who wish to understand it all is to be found in "The Clash of World Forces" by Basil Mathews. This is a study in nationalism, Bolshevism and Christianity, clearly and forcefully set down.

Home Conditions

The air is full of bales and desires. It is a pity that only our imagination can follow these life-giving, hope-giving gifts. A few extracts from recent letters from one of your own representative deaconesses will perhaps convey, better than anything else, a glimpse of the great work our extra effort this year is accomplishing:

"I came home last night just sick with the hopelessness of it all. There is a family with eight children living in a tent. I took some things down to them. The oldest, a girl of 13 who looks like a 10 year old, was the most unhappy and discouraged looking youngster I had ever seen. She is just old enough to realize that their condition isn't what it ought to be. She had no shoes and she wouldn't go to school. The other two kiddies are too young to feel their need. I gave them the bundle and asked her to come to the Guides. So in a little while she came up with a dress on her out of the bundle. I kept her and took her to the Co-op and bought her some oxfords. She was in school to-day and she looked much happier. The little kiddies were playing around with nothing but torn and dirty dresses on, nothing underneath. The

mother does all the cooking in a hole in the ground covered over with a grate. I would certainly like to take that bunch and dress them and send them to school, for they are all bright looking youngsters."

In your study book "The Tide of Opportunity", Chapter V deals with China. There is enough in this chapter for more than one meeting and various members might prepare short talks on different topics.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

RADIO PROGRAMME

IN front of the curtain place a radio or if this is not practicable use a brown cardboard carton and paint dials on it resembling radio dials.

Have some music behind the curtain (either singing or instrumental, but not Christmas music). A girl sitting in front of the curtain looks with evident interest at radio page of newspaper. She might say something like this:

"I'm tired of the same old programmes all the time. Why isn't there something new especially at Christmas time? Listen to that now. It might as well be the middle of summer." (Looking more carefully at paper). "What's this?" (Reading) "Indian schools broadcast Christmas programmes. Three provinces represented in novel broadcast. 'Cecilia Jeffrey' School at Kenora, Ontario, Indian Residential School at Birtle, Manitoba, and Day School at Mistawasis, Saskatchewan will be on the air this evening over stations C.J.S., B.I.S., and M.D.S. respectively. Programmes will include carol singing, recitations, talks by Indian boys and girls, and other interesting numbers." (Looking at watch) "Why, it's just time for station C.J.S. I must try to get it. (Goes to radio and turns dial. Music behind curtain stops. Someone standing in wings gives signal to those behind the curtain when the dials are changed.)

Voice behind curtain announces: "Good evening ladies and gentlemen. This is station C.J.S. broadcasting a special Christmas programme from the 'Cecilia Jeffrey' Indian Residential School at Kenora, Ontario. (Continue briefly with description of the school).

The girls may prepare a varied programme all of which is presented from behind the screen. Information about the schools may be found on pp. 404-10 of *The Glad Tidings* and in "Council Fires" pages 36-40. The announcer might use this material between the various musical numbers in place of the usual advertising. Have the girl dial the other stations. Make it realistic by (supposedly) missing the latter part of C.J.S. in order not to miss the beginning of B.I.S. Do not spoil the programme with "static" but a little might be introduced at a convenient point to make it realistic.

It would be wise to have a different announcer for each station. (In the programme may be included "O Canada," and the following carol).

Huron Christmas Carol

HYMN 195 IN "SONGS FOR WORSHIP"

<i>'Twas in the moon of winter-time</i>	<i>The earliest moon of winter-time</i>
<i>When all the birds had fled,</i>	<i>Is not so round and fair</i>
<i>That mighty Gitchi-Manitou</i>	<i>As was the ring of glory on</i>
<i>Sent angel-choirs instead;</i>	<i>The helpless Infant there.</i>
<i>Before their light the stars grew dim,</i>	<i>The chiefs from far before him knelt</i>
<i>And wond'ring hunters heard the hymn.</i>	<i>With gifts of fox and beaver-pelt.</i>
<i>Jesus your King is born,</i>	<i>Jesus your King is born,</i>
<i>Jesus is born,</i>	<i>Jesus is born,</i>
<i>In excelsis gloria.</i>	<i>In excelsis gloria.</i>
<i>Within a lodge of broken bark</i>	<i>O children of the forest free</i>
<i>The tender Babe was found,</i>	<i>O sons of Manitou,</i>
<i>A ragged robe of rabbit skin</i>	<i>The Holy Child of earth and Heaven</i>
<i>Enwrapp'd His beauty 'round;</i>	<i>Is born today for you.</i>
<i>But as the hunter braves drew nigh,</i>	<i>Come kneel before the radiant Boy</i>
<i>The angel song rang loud and high.</i>	<i>Who brings you beauty, peace and joy.</i>
<i>Jesus your King is born,</i>	<i>Jesus your King is born,</i>
<i>Jesus is born,</i>	<i>Jesus is born,</i>
<i>In excelsis gloria.</i>	<i>In excelsis gloria.</i>

Indian words by Father Brebeuf or Père Bréboeuf, Missionary to the Huron Indians about 1648. (See Canadian History for Boys and Girls page 35). Translated by J. E. Middleton.

Book Shelf.—"It is people that count," so make new friends among the girls who have grown to such worth-while womanhood that their names are printed on the pages of all time. In *A Girl's Book of Friends* which is offered by the National Girls' Work Board at the special Christmas price of 25c. per copy, you begin by renewing your acquaintance with Ruth, the girl who knew homesickness, poverty, perseverance and love in Old Testament days and you will conclude with the friendship of Mary Antin Grabau who had much the same experiences in the twentieth century Promised Land of this new world. In between there

are ten equally interesting and diversified girls in training. A Girl's Book of Friends may be purchased from the supply depots of the various Provincial Girls' Work Boards:—British Columbia, 410 Dominion Bank Building, Vancouver; Alberta, 302 I.O.O.F. Building, Calgary; Saskatchewan, "E" Lloyd's Building, Regina; Manitoba, 441 Somerset Building, Winnipeg; Ontario, Room 416, 299 Queen St. West, Toronto 2, Ont.; Quebec, Room 212, 1405 Bishop St., Montreal; also from the W.M.S. Publications, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto 2, and the Presbyterian S.S. Publications, St. Andrew's House, 73 Simcoe Street, Toronto 2.

MISSION BANDS

Suggested Programme

Hymn.—"O Little Town of Bethlehem", 169, verses 1 and 4. *Bible Lesson.*—Luke 2:8-20; Matt. 2:1-12. *Prayer.*—For all missionaries. *Hymn.*—"Holy Night, Peaceful Night," 172. *Sentence Prayers* for the boys and girls in British Guiana, India, China, Formosa and the Indian, Chinese, Hungarian, Jewish and Ukrainian people now living in the homeland. *Offering and Prayer:*

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Accept our gifts to-day.
O Come to us, abide with us,
We need Thee day by day. Amen.

Address or Story. Closing Hymn.—"O Come All Ye Faithful," 173.

A CHRISTMAS STORY FOR VERY LITTLE ONES

*"For Jesus, you know, was a baby once, too,
And slept on his own mother's breast."*

CHRISTMAS is a beautiful birthday. Do you know whose birthday it is? He was born in a little town of Bethlehem a long, long way from here. He had no beautiful house, but his mother wrapped him up and laid him in a manger where the cows had eaten their hay. There were shepherds out in the fields, taking care of the sheep and the lambs that night. They heard singing and saw some beautiful angels who told them that the little Lord Jesus was born. They went to the stable and found the baby with his mother. A great bright star was shining in the sky. There were some other men who came on big camels riding a long way. They, too, saw the star and found the little baby in the manger. They brought Him Christmas presents. You will have Christmas presents, too, on Christmas morning. Will you remember the Wise Men who came that first Christmas morning to see the little baby? He grew up just as

you are growing up and did so much to make the world better. He especially loved little children and all the little children who know about Him love Him. So many, many little children do not know—little brown children in India, black children in Africa, Chinese children in China, Formosan children in Formosa. How can we tell them that Jesus loves them? We might send some of them Christmas cards, we might pray for them, we might ask father or mother or grandmother to help them. A Merry Christmas to all the dear little children in the world.—*Selected.*

Dear Mission Banders:

Let us try to share our Christmas joys with the little children in our own and other lands whose parents may not be able to buy them any Christmas presents this year. It will make us all so happy to act Santa and send gifts to make Christmas the happy time it has been the world over for more than a thousand years. Remember

There never was a Christmas tree
Till God's great gift to you and me,
The little Child Jesus.

"God bless us every one."

—Mrs. J. W. Dill.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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EDMONTON P.S.—A tea was held in the lecture hall of First Church, Edmonton, on October 29th, to raise funds for the furnishing of the new log home of Dr. Margaret Strang, a medical missionary under our Church, at Dixonville, a point one hundred and seventy-five miles north of Grande Prairie. This sturdy pioneer, who prefers the saddle to a motor, is very modest in her request for house furnishings, they are such things as a wash tub, a heater and a camp bed. The new residence is to be called "Edmonton House".

The Edmonton Presbyterial day of prayer was observed in Strathecona Presbyterian Church on November 12th.

Red Deer P.S. executive held its fall meeting in Innisfail. Members were present from Olds, Red Deer and Innisfail. The resignation of Mrs. T. M. Revie was accepted with deep regret. A splendid report of the work of the Supply Committee, given by Mrs. McVicar, merits special comment.

The Auxiliary of Red Deer held its Thank-offering meeting in October. The members of the Mission Band provided the programme.

The Thank-offering meeting of the Innisfail Auxiliary was held in November. Lantern slides were shown by Mrs. Carmichael followed by a short musical programme.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA P.S.—A banquet was held at the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Victoria, in honor of Miss Grace Lee, a recently appointed teacher and mission worker among the Chinese women and children. Born in Canada, Miss Lee was taken to China when a child and was educated there in excellent schools, the late Miss Dulmage being her teacher in Kong Moon, South China. On her return to Canada Miss Lee taught in the Chinese school on Fisgard Street.

Rev. Mr. Leung, pastor, was chairman, and introduced the guest of honor in Chinese, then in English. Mrs. La Pointe, President of the W.M.S. Presbyterian, welcomed Miss Lee. Mrs. Chan, of the Chinese W.M.S., also spoke feelingly of the work and the new missionary. Mr. Solomon Leung spoke in Chinese for the young people. Rev. David Smith, Superintendent of Oriental Missions, told of Miss Lee's preparation and fitness for service and of her appointment by the W.M.S.

The W.M.S. of the various churches was well represented and, although intercourse was often carried on by smiles and nods, it was, nevertheless, most cordial. The Chinese hostesses were heartily praised for their bounteous hospitality. The joining of all present in "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," in two languages, but one tune, furnished the keynote to this Christian gathering together.

Miss Lee responded to all greetings and expressed her appreciation of the kindness and the welcome she had received. The Chinese ladies present represented a W.M.S. whose average attendance exceeds the actual membership, whose allocation is always met and whose dainty handiwork is never surpassed in hospital and school supply work.

St. Andrew's Church W.M.S., Victoria, and sister Societies, gathered together to hear the report of the Council Meeting by Mrs. S. Lundie, Sooke, and Mrs. John Dempsey, delegates from Victoria Presbyterian. A moment of silence with bowed heads was a tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Caroline Maedonald, of Tokyo, Japan, a worker whose name is known the world over, and, as a mark of sympathy with Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Inkster, of Toronto, in the death of their daughter, Elizabeth, who is remembered as a little girl during her father's pastorate in the First Presbyterian Church.

At the C.G.I.T. meeting in Knox Church, Victoria, the leader, Mrs. J. S. Patterson, conducted an impressive devotional period. After business was discussed the girls were given an instructive talk on water

color painting by Mrs. Rose Willis, a local artist. Lovely sketches were shown to the girls who were all greatly interested. Tea was served. After half an hour of quiet study and the singing of "Taps" the meeting was brought to a close.

At the fortieth anniversary of St. Paul's Church, Mrs. Marian MacRae, widow of the organizer and first pastor of the Church and a charter member of the W.M.S. was the recipient of an address, a well-filled purse and a bouquet.

Westminster P.S.—The fall rally was held October 2nd in Robertson Church, Vancouver. The pastor, Rev. A. Esler, brought greetings. Mrs. R. M. Thomson presided. Reports were given by the Secretaries. An able address was given by Miss Lamont, Field Secretary.

Kamloops-Okanagan P.S.—The church in Armstrong was well filled on October 6th when Miss Lamont told of conditions as she had found them from east to west. Mrs. D. A. Fowlie gave a talk on the beauty spots of Vancouver Island, illustrated by beautifully colored slides.

While in this Presbyterial Miss Lamont and Mrs. MacLean visited Penticton, Kamloops, Canoe, Salmon Arm and Armstrong.

W.M.S. workers throughout the province rejoice to know that Mrs. W. J. White, 1st Vice President, has recovered from her recent serious illness, and wish her continued good health.

MANITOBA

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WINNIPEG P.S.—The Thank-offering of the "Golden Sheaf" Mission Band of First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, was addressed by Miss Mamie Todd, deaconess. The meeting was well attended by parents and friends. The Mission Band children sang several selections. Through the kindness of Mrs. Peter Kee, each member was presented with a membership pin.

Calvin Church W.M.S., Winnipeg, held their Thank-offering meeting in October. The attendance was good. Rev. Peter Taylor, Toronto, spoke on Prayer for Missions. The Girl Guides and Mission Band assisted in the programme.

Kildonan W.M.S. held their Thank-offering meeting in Nisbet Hall with a splendid attendance. Mrs. A. M. Long was the speaker and gave an inspirational address on Thanksgiving. Mrs. McLean, the first Treasurer of First Church, gave a very interesting account of the W.M.S. to which she belongs in Los Angeles. This Society has 600 active and 200 associate members.

Superior P.S.—The Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Fort William, was addressed by Mrs. Atkin, who gave a splendid talk on the life and work of Miss Caroline Macdonald.

St. Andrew's Thank-offering meeting was addressed by Dr. Grant. His plea was for workers for home and overseas fields.

The "Sunbeam" Mission Band and the Cubs held a joint meeting and were addressed by Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D. The C.G.I.T. entertained the Boy Scouts to a banquet. There were over one hundred present and all had a jolly time.

The October meeting of First Church, Port Arthur, was addressed by Dr. Kannawin, his visit to the Sunday School, Bands and other meetings was a great inspiration.

ONTARIO

Order of Service for the Presbyterian Women's Day of Prayer,
Ontario Provincial W.M.S., Friday, January 8th, 1932.

MRS. F. R. REDDITT

I. Call to Worship:

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

Exalt the Lord, our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the Lord, our God is holy."

HYMN 74—"O God Our Help In Ages Past".

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION.

"O Lord, how manifold are Thy works

In wisdom Thou hast made them all."

SCRIPTURE LESSON.—Isaiah, Chapter 55.

II. Prayers: "The Church"

"For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people."

"The Home"

"Father in heaven, who lovest all

Oh help Thy children when they call

That they may build from age to age

An undefiled heritage."

HYMN 599—"O God of Bethel By Whose Hand."

PRAYER: Our Young People

"Teach us to bear the yoke in youth

With steadfastness and careful truth

That in our time, Thy grace may give

The truth whereby the nations live."

PRAYER: For Canada

Thanksgiving for many blessings; for the establishment of justice and righteousness, and the unchanging love of God; that in times of anxiety and stress, leaders in Church and State may be divinely guided, so that out of distressing

circumstances caused by unemployment or strife they may be given strength and wisdom to solve the national problems wisely and well; that peace and prosperity may come to discouraged hearts.

HYMN 645—"Lord While For All Mankind We Pray."

Brief Address:

"The Extension of the Kingdom Through Faith and Sacrifice."

"Let us not be weary in well-doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

HYMN 606—"All the Way My Saviour Leads Me."

PRAYER: The extension of the Kingdom Overseas.

Our National Missionary Endeavor.

HYMN 371—"Jesus Shall Reign."

PRAYER: (To be read by the Leader).

"Lord of all power and might who rulest in heaven and earth and canst turn the hearts of men after the counsel of Thine own will, we humbly pray Thee to awaken in Thy people, such a deep sense of their duty to maintain and extend the work of the Church, that by their faith and zeal, Thy holy name may be glorified and the bounds of Thy Kingdom enlarged. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer.

BENEDICTION OR LORD'S PRAYER.

Amen.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 108 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

NO Auxiliary, Presbyterian or Provincial Society will be denied "the opportunity of service and discipline of work" during the coming winter! There is no such word as "unemployment" in our W.M.S. vocabulary, for never was the call more insistent for consecrated endeavor on the part of our members, as at present. Such was the impression given at the autumn meeting of the Quebec Provincial Board on October 20th, in the parlor of Knox-Crescent Church, Mrs. I. C. Sharp in the chair.

Twenty-two members responded to the roll call in the morning and twenty-two encouraged women were dismissed at 5 p.m. to return to their homes and local organizations filled with a new vision of the opportunity afforded them for service in the various departments of our work.

All reports were encouraging. Special mention might be made of the increase of Home Helpers and of progress among young people and Mission Bands.

The Treasurer's statement showed that up to date, the funds were

in a healthy condition. Miss Dickson told of her work among the Chinese women and children in Montreal, while Miss Murray spoke of how eagerly the opening of Tyndale House had been awaited by the community. Miss Munro said that in spite of the falling off in immigration, she had been busier than ever in assisting strangers on their way, partly because the ocean liners are not supplying conductresses, as formerly.

Great praise was given to work done at the Presbyterian Residence at Huntingdon and the hope expressed that another such Residence might soon be provided for the Quebec Presbyterial. Mrs. O. R. Campbell made special mention of the success attending the conference for leaders held there early in July.

Sectional meetings have proved very successful in the out-of-town districts.

An impressive feature of the morning session was a fitting tribute to the life and work of the late Dr. Ephraim Scott in a memorial, prepared and read by the President, Mrs. I. C. Sharp, the Board standing to receive it.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEachern, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

PRINCE ALBERT-SASKATOON P.S.—At a recent meeting of the Mistawasis Auxiliary a short address of welcome was given by one of the Indian women expressing their pleasure at the safe return of Mrs. Moore from a holiday trip to England. This Auxiliary reports that they have raised their allocation and forwarded it. Miss Lamont, Field Secretary, visited this Auxiliary and gave a very interesting talk.

At the October meeting of the Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon, Mrs. McTavish reported the formation of a Girl Guide Company. Rev. S. Flook took charge of the devotional period. This Auxiliary held its Thank-offering service on the evening of November 11th.

Miss Ross, deaconess, gave an address on British Guiana at the October meeting of the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's, Saskatoon. This Auxiliary reports that, notwithstanding the depression, the offerings are encouraging.

The W.M.S. were in charge of the Thanksgiving service at Coleville, October 11th. Mrs. J. Brent addressed a well attended meeting. A generous offering is reported.

Regina P.S.—At the October meeting of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, a most interesting paper was given on our Formosa Mission. This Auxiliary held its Thank-offering service on Wednesday evening, November 4th, the topic under discussion was "Reasons for Thanksgiving as suggested from the 1930 Reports." The "Sunbeam" Mission Band of this Church are busy making Christmas gifts and hospital supplies.

Life Members

Alberta Provincial.—

LIFE MEMBER

Edmonton P.S.—1.

HONORARY MEMBER

Edmonton P.S.—Mrs. James A. Fraser, First Ch., Edmonton.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

Calgary P.S.—2; Seals—4th year, 1. Edmonton P.S.—2

Manitoba Provincial.—

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Government grant, "Birtle Indian School"	4,000.00	Huntingdon	79.16
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		Formosa	2,409.14
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School	427.50	
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